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NEB DELAYS COMMENCEMENT OF RESIDENT FORT ST. JOHN HEARINGS

OTTAWA — The National Energy Board has postponed until 8 February 1985 commencement of public hearings on the proposed Fort St. John project by Western Energy Inc. (Western) of Vancouver for the company's Fort St. John and Valley expansion projects. The hearings were originally set to begin 21 January 1985.

Lacking issues

As previously announced by the Board, the public hearing on Western's Fort St. John and Valley expansion projects will be immediately followed by a public hearing on Western's Ontario Valley Expansion Project.

Both hearings will take place at the Capitol Centre, Fort St. John, British Columbia.

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NEB DELAYS COMMENCEMENT OF WESTCOAST FORT ST. JOHN HEARINGS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has postponed until 6 February 1995 commencement of public hearings on the applications by Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) of Vancouver for the company's Fort St. John and Grizzly Valley expansion projects. The hearings were originally set to begin 23 January 1995.

As previously announced by the Board, the public hearing on expansion of Westcoast's Fort St. John transmission system will be immediately followed by a public hearing on Westcoast's Grizzly Valley Expansion Project.

Both hearings will take place at the Cultural Centre, Fort St. John, British Columbia.

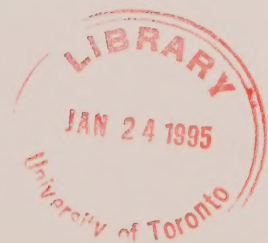
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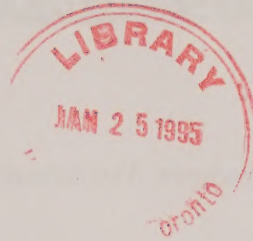
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NEB RELEASES DRAFT REPORT ON UNCONNECTED GAS SUPPLY RESERVES IN ALBERTA

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board released today a draft report entitled, "Unconnected Gas Supply Study, Phase I - Evaluation of Unconnected Reserves in Alberta".

By way of background, as part of its analytical work in support of its regulatory and advisory functions, the Board undertakes focused studies on a routine basis into particular oil and gas supply issues. The most recent study concerns unconnected gas reserves in the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin, in particular the characteristics and economic viability of a portion of the unconnected gas in Alberta. This report, which represents the first phase to the study, has two components: first, an examination of the 59 largest unconnected pools (500 million cubic metres Initial Marketable Reserves) in Alberta; and second, a thorough investigation of all unconnected pools (2 514 pools) in a selected area in central Alberta. Subsequent phases to this study could extrapolate this analysis to the remainder of the basin.

The results from the NEB's analysis indicate that 25 per cent of the reserves in the largest unconnected pools should not be considered as remaining established reserves due to economic considerations. Additionally, 46 per cent of the unconnected remaining established reserves in the central Alberta area should not be considered as reserves, due largely to technical considerations.

How the results of this study can efficiently be integrated into the ERCB/NEB Common Reserves Data Base is under active consideration. More importantly, the extrapolation of this work to the rest of the province will require further study which will be directed by the ERCB and NEB largely through the Joint Reserves Steering Group. This group deals with technical issues regarding ERCB/NEB reserves estimates.

Comments on this report are welcome and would assist in planning any future study in this or related matters.

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23 January 1995

NEB UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING TO DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board is considering holding its next public hearing on applications for natural gas export licences in April 1995.

The Board has given notice to all potential applicants that completed applications must be filed on or before 23 February 1995 in order to be included in the April proceeding. Following the 23 February 1995 filing deadline, the Board will issue its hearing order and directions on procedure for those applications which are to be included in the hearing.

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NEB APPROVES FOOTHILLS WILD HORSE PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application by Foothills Pipe Lines (Alta.) Ltd. (Foothills) of Calgary to construct and operate a natural gas transmission pipeline, known as the "Wild Horse Pipeline", in southeastern Alberta.

A public hearing on the application was conducted by the Board in Calgary in October 1994.

The proposed pipeline would provide 20.89 million cubic metres (737.5 million cubic feet) per day of export capacity at the international border near Wild Horse, Alberta to serve markets in the United States and northern Mexico. The targeted in-service date is 1 November 1996.

The planned facilities consist of 215.5 kilometres (134 miles) of 914 millimetre (36 inch) diameter line pipe between Princess, Alberta and the Alberta/Montana border near Wild Horse, Alberta together with a meter station near Wild Horse, at an estimated capital cost of \$139 million. The Wild Horse Pipeline would connect upstream with the existing facilities of NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. and downstream at the international border with a pipeline proposed to be constructed by Altamont Gas Transmission Company.

Among the conditions of the approval is a requirement that Foothills file with the Board, prior to commencing construction, 15-year gas transportation contracts for the full pipeline capacity.

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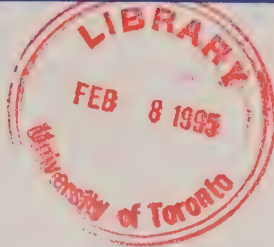
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NEB RELEASES DECISION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SECONDARY MARKET FOR NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board today released a decision with respect to the rules that govern the manner in which the rights to transportation service on natural gas pipelines are traded.

In July 1994 the Board made two proposals: (i) that all shippers who wish to sell their rights to transportation capacity to a third party be required to post the available capacity on pipeline-operated electronic bulletin boards and that the capacity be awarded to the highest bidder; and (ii) that an existing prohibition against selling capacity at prices above the regulated toll be abolished, allowing sales at whatever prices the market will bear.

The Board received written submissions on these proposals in November and December 1994.

The Board has decided that it is not necessary at this time to impose a mandatory requirement that available capacity be posted. The Board noted that the secondary market has been working well without any regulatory oversight and that it should be allowed to continue to evolve according to the needs of the parties involved in this market.

The Board also decided to remove the cap on selling rights to transportation capacity at prices above the regulated toll. Removal of the price cap will help to ensure that available capacity is allocated to shippers who value it most highly.

Finally, the Board indicated that it is always prepared to consider submissions from any interested parties if future concerns about the working of the secondary market arise.

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NEB TO HOLD PART OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON WESTCOAST ENERGY INC.'S FORT ST. JOHN EXPANSION APPLICATION IN VANCOUVER

Calgary - The National Energy Board has decided to hold part of the Westcoast Energy Inc.'s hearing in Vancouver commencing on 20 February 1995 at a location to be announced at a later date. Several parties participating in the hearing had asked the Board to hold part the hearing in Vancouver. The hearing is currently under way in Fort St. John and began on Monday, 6 February 1995.

The hearing relates to the expansion of the Fort St. John Raw Gas Transmission system and the construction of a new gas plant at Aitken Creek.

Furthermore, on Monday of this week, the Board postponed a hearing regarding Westcoast's application for approval of the Grizzly Valley Expansion Project which was scheduled to be heard in Fort St. John following the current hearing. The hearing was adjourned to a future date to be determined. Westcoast had requested that this hearing be adjourned to the fall of 1995 because the planned in-service date has been delayed by one year to November 1997. The Grizzly Valley Expansion Project proposes construction and operation of a natural gas processing plant, a sulphur recovery plant, and a compressor station near Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia, together with additional facilities.

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Note to Editors: See attached Backgrounder for more information on the applications involved.

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Backgrounder

Fort St. John Expansion - Hearing Order Number GH-5-94

Westcoast proposes to build a new Aitken Creek Plant which will be capable of processing 9.05 million cubic metres (320 million cubic feet) per day. The new plant, to be located in an area 130 kilometres north of Fort St. John, is to replace the existing Aitken Creek Plant which will be taken out of service. The company's other gas processing plant for the area is the McMahon Plant, near Taylor, British Columbia.

In addition to the new Aitken Creek Plant facility, Westcoast proposes to expand the capacity of its Fort St. John raw gas transmission system by constructing, installing and operating certain compressor, pipeline and related facilities. These will provide additional raw gas transmission capacity through the pipeline system to accommodate additional volumes of gas to be processed at the new Aitken Creek Plant or the existing McMahon Plant.

Westcoast estimates the total cost of the new facilities to be \$397.4 million. The proposed in-service date for these facilities is April 1996.

Grizzly Valley Expansion Project - Hearing Order Number GH-6-94

The Grizzly Valley Expansion Project proposes construction and operation of a natural gas processing plant, a sulphur recovery plant, and a compressor station near Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia.

The Tumbler Ridge Gas Plant would be capable of processing 11.3 million cubic metres (400 million cubic feet) of raw gas per day.

In addition to the gas and associated sulphur processing plants, Westcoast proposes to expand the capacity of its Grizzly Valley raw gas transmission system and to construct and operate the Tumbler Ridge Mainline, a transmission pipeline to transport residue gas processed at the Tumbler Ridge Gas Plant to the discharge side of Westcoast's Compressor Station No. 2 near Chetwynd, British Columbia.

Westcoast estimates the Grizzly Valley Expansion Project cost at \$672.6 million with a proposed in-service date of November 1997.

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NEB ISSUES GUIDELINES FOR FILING REQUIREMENTS

Calgary - The National Energy Board has issued its final version of the *Guidelines for Filing Requirements*. The Board, as part of its changes to the *National Energy Board Rules of Practice and Procedure*, removed the filing requirements from the Rules and has decided to issue them separately as guidelines. This will allow greater flexibility to the Board to reflect policy and other changes in filing requirements. Certain other filing requirements, previously contained in other documents have been included. Specifically, the filing requirement from: the *Early Public Notification Memorandum of Guidance*; the *Guidelines for the Preparation of Regional Socio-Economic Impact Assessments*; the *Onshore Pipeline Regulations* with respect to leave to open; and, the *Memorandum of Guidance for Short-term Gas Export Orders*.

The *Guidelines for Filing Requirements* set out the information to be provided by applicants for:

- Early public notification of projects
- Certificates for gas pipelines exceeding 40 kilometres
- Certificates for oil pipelines exceeding 40 kilometres
- Section 58 orders for gas pipelines under 40 kilometres or additions and upgrade to existing facilities
- Section 58 orders for oil pipelines under 40 kilometres or additions and upgrade to existing facilities
- Environmental, socio-economic and lands information for authorization to construct, operate and abandon pipelines
- Notices required when dealing with determination of detailed route and approval
- Leave to open orders for pipelines
- Orders fixing tolls and tariffs
- Quarterly surveillance reports to be filed by Group 1 companies
- Orders for export and import of gas.

The *Guidelines for Filing Requirement* become effective immediately. The Schedule revoking the schedules to the *National Energy Board Rules of Practice and Procedures* was published in Part II of the *Canada Gazette* today.



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NEB TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FROM INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE INC. REGARDING APPORTIONMENT OF PIPELINE CAPACITY

Calgary - The National Energy Board will convene a public hearing on an application from Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) of Edmonton for toll orders under Part IV of the *National Energy Board Act* to modify its current Rules and Regulations and tolls applying to the transportation of crude petroleum, refined petroleum products and natural gas liquids. The company is requesting approval of measures it proposes to implement in order to reduce the current high apportionment levels on the IPL system. Apportionment occurs when nominations to ship on IPL's system exceed pipeline capacity.

The hearing will commence on Monday, 3 April 1995 at 9:00 a.m. (MT) in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

Parties wishing to participate in the hearing are required to file their interventions with the Board by Tuesday, 7 March 1995.

IPL seeks approval of four specific measures which would change existing practices on its system. These consist of a proposed Nomination Fee; a signature of an officer of the shipper; a Non-Performance Fee for failure to deliver an apportioned volume or, in months of no apportionment, a tendered volume; and an amendment of IPL's tariff pertaining to the non-delivery of volumes by a shipper.

IPL owns and operates an oil pipeline transportation system extending from Edmonton to the international boundary at Gretna, Manitoba and from the international boundary near Sarnia, Ontario to locations in Ontario and Québec.

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NEB PREPUBLISHES REVISED PART VI REGULATIONS AND EXPORT AND IMPORT REPORTING REGULATIONS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board is prepublishing in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, and concurrently distributing for comment, its proposed amendments to the Board's Part VI Regulations and Export and Import Reporting Regulations for a 30-day comment period.

The Board has been conducting a process since 10 August 1990, when it issued draft amendments to the Part VI Regulations and new Export and Import Reporting Regulations for comment. It then took into consideration the comments received from interested persons and made further changes to both sets of regulations as a result of new circumstances and policies.

The first document included in the *Canada Gazette* and the package for comment is an order revoking the oil and gas and reporting provisions of the Part VI Regulations, while retaining the sections dealing with electricity. This is because specific sections relating to electricity must be retained until new regulations relating to that subject are in place.

The remaining two documents are the draft *National Energy Board Part VI Regulations, 1995* and *National Energy Board Export and Import Reporting Regulations*. For the most part, these regulations remain substantively as the regulations are now with changes discussed in policy documents.

Anyone wishing to comment on the amendments should file 20 copies with the Board by 17 April 1995.

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Copies of the orders and regulations are available in both official languages by telephoning the Board's Regulatory Support Office at (403) 292-4800.



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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED TOLLS FOR INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE INC.

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Interprovincial Pipeline Inc. (IPL) of Edmonton for approval of a toll settlement which has been negotiated between IPL and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP).

The settlement is the result of several months of negotiation between CAPP and IPL and represents a global settlement of toll issues which is acceptable to both parties.

The proposed settlement is based on incentive toll principles. The agreed-upon methodology is expected to form the basis for the calculation of IPL's revenue requirement indefinitely. The parameters have been established in the settlement to calculate the revenue requirement and the resulting tolls for the years 1995 - 1999 inclusive.

The proposal is the first negotiated toll settlement placed before the Board for consideration featuring incentive elements whereby the pipeline and tollpayers share the benefits associated with cost-savings achieved by the pipeline. It also contains a process for the sharing of benefits associated with revenue related to higher than anticipated throughput.

The Board has adjourned indefinitely the processing of an application by IPL for tolls it would charge effective 1 January 1995, pending the Board's decision on the toll settlement. A hearing date had originally been set for 6 February 1995.

IPL's tolls have been actively regulated by the Board for nearly 20 years, during which time there have been seven toll hearings lasting an average of three weeks each.

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JUDITH SNIDER APPOINTED TEMPORARY MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD

CALGARY -- The Governor in Council has appointed Judith Snider, the Board's General Counsel and Director of its Law Branch to be a Temporary Member of the Board for a period of six months, on a part-time basis, effective February 21, 1995.

Mrs. Snider, a mathematics graduate, earned her LLB from the University of Calgary and was called to the Alberta Bar in 1982. After practising privately in energy law, she became General Counsel at the National Energy Board in 1992.

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6 March 1995

NEB RECEIVES APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board has received applications from Brooklyn Navy Yard Cogeneration Partners, L.P. and Renaissance Energy Ltd. for licences to export natural gas.

Brooklyn Navy Yard Cogeneration Partners, L.P. applied for a five-year licence to export some 750 000 cubic metres (26.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Iroquois, Ontario. The natural gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed by Brooklyn Navy Yard in Brooklyn, New York. The applicant will be purchasing its gas from Crestar Energy and PanCanadian Petroleum Limited's corporate supply pools. The proposed licence would commence upon the expiry of the fifteen-year licence issued to Brooklyn Navy Yard following the GH-5-93 hearing.

Renaissance Energy Ltd. applied for a nine-year licence to export some 79 300 cubic metres (2.8 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Niagara Falls, Ontario. The natural gas will be delivered to Renaissance Energy (U.S.) Inc. who in turn will sell it to Delmarva Power & Light Company, a local distribution company in Wilmington, Delaware. The gas will be produced from Renaissance's corporate supply pool. The proposed licence would commence when issued and extend to 1 November 2004

The Board will announce at a later date how it will proceed to consider the applications.

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NEB WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing two applications for licences to export natural gas. The hearing will commence on 23 May 1995 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

The applications to be considered at the hearing are described below.

Brooklyn Navy Yard Cogeneration Partners, L.P. applied for a five-year licence to export some 750 000 cubic metres (26.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Iroquois, Ontario. The natural gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed by Brooklyn Navy Yard in Brooklyn, New York. The applicant will be purchasing its gas from Crestar Energy and PanCanadian Petroleum Limited's corporate supply pools. The proposed licence would commence upon the expiry of the fifteen-year licence issued to Brooklyn Navy Yard following the GH-5-93 hearing.

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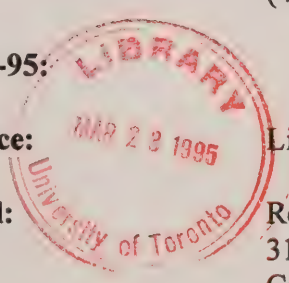
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NEB APPROVES NEGOTIATED TOLLS SETTLEMENT FOR INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved a negotiated settlement respecting an incentive toll methodology for Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) of Edmonton.

IPL filed an application on 16 February 1995 for approval of a negotiated settlement between the company and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) respecting an incentive toll methodology and associated tolls and tariffs. The settlement was the result of several months of negotiation between CAPP and IPL and represents a global settlement of toll issues which is acceptable to all parties.

The approved settlement is based on incentive toll principles. The agreed-upon methodology is to form the basis for calculation of IPL's revenue requirement indefinitely. The parameters have been established in the settlement to calculate the revenue requirement and the resulting tolls for the years 1995 - 1999 inclusive.

This is the first negotiated toll settlement placed before the Board for consideration featuring incentive elements whereby the pipeline and tollpayers share the benefits associated with the cost-savings achieved by the pipeline. It also contains a process for the sharing of benefits associated with revenue related to higher than anticipated throughput.

In accordance with a proposal put forth in the application, the Board has agreed to resolve disputes which may arise under the settlement. Any such disputes however will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

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NEB POSTPONES IPL APPORTIONMENT HEARING

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced the postponement of a public hearing into an apportionment application by Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) of Edmonton.

The hearing will commence Thursday, 6 April 1995 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board's hearing room.

The hearing was originally scheduled to commence on 3 April, however a postponement was requested by IPL in an effort to allow parties to the proceeding to attempt to reach a consensus and thereby narrow the scope of the hearing process.

The company is seeking approval of measures to address its current apportionment problem.

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NEB ANNOUNCES POSTPONEMENT IN DUE DATE FOR COMMENTS ON THE REVISED PART VI REGULATIONS AND EXPORT AND IMPORT REPORTING REGULATIONS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced the postponement until early June 1995 for comments on proposed amendments to its *Part VI Regulations* and its new *Export and Import Reporting Regulations*.

These regulations were to have been prepublished in the *Canada Gazette* shortly after a draft copy was issued 24 February 1995. However, the prepublication was delayed and the Board will issue a letter establishing the exact date for receipt of comments once the date of prepublication is known.

Copies of the orders and Regulations (in both English and French) may be obtained by telephoning the Board's Regulatory Support Office at (403) 292-4800.

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For release at 2:30 p.m. (Mountain Time)
Tuesday, 11 April 1995

NEB RELEASES DECISION ON PIPELINE COST OF CAPITAL MATTERS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board released its decision today regarding a public multi-pipeline hearing on the cost of capital (rate of return on common equity and capital structure). A complete listing of the pipeline companies subject to this proceeding is shown below.

The Board concluded that, for 1995, a rate of return on common equity of 12.25 per cent is appropriate for a benchmark pipeline. The Board further determined that it is appropriate to apply the benchmark rate of return on common equity to each pipeline subject to this proceeding.

The Board found that, effective 1 January 1995, a deemed common equity ratio of 30 per cent is appropriate for TransCanada, Foothills, ANG and TQM. The Board also found a deemed common equity ratio of 35 per cent appropriate for Westcoast and a deemed common equity ratio of 45 per cent appropriate for TMPL, effective 1 January 1995.

The Board found that an automatic adjustment mechanism to make yearly adjustments to the approved rate of return on common equity is appropriate. The Board's adjustment mechanism, to apply from 1996 onwards, is based on forecast yields for 10-year Government of Canada bonds published in Consensus Forecasts (Consensus Economics Inc., London England), adjusted to reflect the yields on 30-year Government of Canada bonds. Changes in the rate of return on common equity will be 75 per cent of the year over year changes in bond yield forecasts.

The Board is of the view that the adjustment mechanism should prove robust over a wide range of economic circumstances and therefore did not set a time limit or bond yield forecast boundary for the operation of the rate of return on common equity adjustment mechanism. Similarly, the Board did not set any time limit on the deemed capital structures.

A public hearing on this matter was held in Calgary for 29 hearing days between 24 October 1994 and 20 December 1994. It was the first time the Board had considered the cost of capital for more than one pipeline in a single hearing. Two of the pipelines in the original hearing order (IPL and TNPI) reached negotiated settlements prior to the issuance of this decision and were thus discharged or exempted from this proceeding.

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Group 1 gas pipelines subject to the RH-2-94 proceeding are:

Alberta Natural Gas
Foothills Pipeline Company
TransCanada PipeLines Ltd.
TransQuebec and Maritimes Pipeline
Westcoast Energy Inc.

The single Group 1 oil and products pipeline subject to the RH-2-94 proceeding is:

Trans Mountain Pipe Line

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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD RELEASES 1994 ANNUAL REPORT

Calgary - The Honourable Anne McLellan, Minister of Natural Resources today tabled in Parliament the 1994 Annual Report of the National Energy Board.

The report reviews the Board's major regulatory and advisory activities, including decisions taken on natural gas, oil and electricity exports, pipeline construction, tolls and tariffs and certain frontier activities. It also provides an overview of the energy situation in Canada.

In its overview, the Board shows that Canadian exports of natural gas, petroleum and electricity increased by 6.9 per cent from 1993 to 1994. Natural gas exports were up 13 per cent, crude oil seven per cent and electricity 52 per cent. The value of these exports is estimated to be \$17.0 billion in 1994 compared with \$15.4 billion in 1993.

Among the year's activities, the Board:

- held 10 public oral and written hearings for a total of 93 days of hearing;
- issued 23 licences authorizing the export of some 47 billion cubic metres (1.6 trillion cubic feet) of natural gas over periods ranging from four to 15 years;
- regulated some 39 000 kilometres (24 200 miles) of oil and gas pipelines and approved the construction of facilities at an estimated cost of over \$1 billion;
- rendered decisions on five pipeline toll applications, approving an aggregate cost of service of \$2.1 billion; and
- carried out environmental assessments of more than 160 projects, including drilling programs, and energy export and pipeline construction projects.

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NEB RECEIVES NIAGARA GAS LINK PROJECT APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Niagara Gas Transmission Limited of North York, Ontario, to construct a natural gas transmission pipeline under the St. Clair River to link markets in eastern Canada and the northeastern region of the United States.

The pipeline, known as the "Link Project", is planned to interconnect upstream, in the U.S. with existing gas storage and transmission facilities belonging to the ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) and Michigan Consolidated Gas Company (MichCon) and downstream, in Canada, with existing gas storage and transmission facilities belonging to Tecumseh Gas Storage.

The proposed pipeline would be approximately 10.2 kilometres (6.3 miles) of 610 millimetre (24 inch) extending from a point on the international boundary in the centre of the St. Clair River to the point of connection near Sarnia, Ontario, with the facilities of Tecumseh Gas Storage. The application states the pipeline will provide 4.2 million cubic metres (150 million cubic feet) per day of incremental, firm import capability.

The pipeline construction is expected to cost \$12.5 million, with an in-service date of 1 November 1995.

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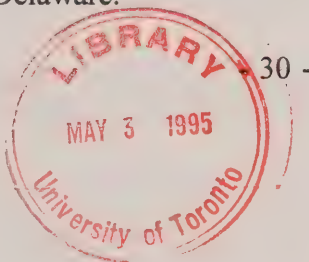
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NEB POSTPONES BY ONE WEEK A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board has postponed by one week a public hearing on two applications for licences to export natural gas. The hearing will commence on 29 May 1995 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

On 11 April 1995, the Board issued a preliminary list of parties to the hearing. The Board has now compiled a final list and has taken into consideration the fact that many parties, not yet in receipt of copies of the applications, were not able to file information requests on the applicants by 19 April 1995 as provided for in the original hearing order. The Board, therefore, decided to extend the dates for filing requirements and to postpone the hearing accordingly.

The applications to be considered at the hearing are from Brooklyn Navy Yard Cogeneration Partners, L.P. to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed by Brooklyn Navy Yard in Brooklyn, New York and from Renaissance Energy Ltd. for exports to Renaissance Energy (U.S.) Inc. who in turn will sell the gas to Delmarva Power & Light Company, a local distribution company in Wilmington, Delaware.



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27 April 1995

NEB ANNOUNCES NEW TOLLS FOR TRANS QUEBEC & MARITIMES PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced new tolls Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc. (TQM) of Montreal may charge on its natural gas transmission system, effective 1 May to 31 December 1995.

TQM's application was based on an applied-for deemed common equity ratio of 35 per cent for 1995, compared with a 25 per cent deemed common equity approved by the Board for 1994. In the Board's Multi-Pipeline Cost of Capital (RH-2-94) decision announced April 11, the Board approved a deemed common equity ratio of 30 per cent.

In addition, TQM requested that the Board approve a return on equity of 13 per cent for 1995. In the Multi-Pipeline Cost of Capital decision, the Board approved a rate of return of 12.25 per cent for 1995.

The Board approved a revenue requirement for TQM of \$63.6 million for 1995, which is \$3.6 million less than applied-for.

The Board also approved a rate base of \$298.8 million for 1995.

TQM's application was subject to a public hearing by way of written submission which was conducted during the period October 1994 to January 1995.

TQM is jointly owned by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary and Société en commandite Gaz Métropolitain of Montreal. The company's pipeline system extends from a point of interconnection with the TransCanada system at Saint-Lazare, Québec to a point west of Québec City.

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1 May 1995

NEB RECEIVES TRANSCANADA PIPELINES 1995/1996 FACILITIES APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary, for permission to construct new pipeline and compression facilities on its mainline transmission system.

TransCanada is applying for permission to construct approximately 174.1 kilometres of pipeline and to add 28.3 megawatts of new compression. The company also plans to relocate a 6.3 megawatt portable compressor and construct two new meter stations. The facilities applied for would be used to provide approximately 1.3 million cubic metres (47 million cubic feet) per day of gas service to customers in Ontario and to provide approximately 567 thousand cubic metres (20 million cubic feet) per day of unallocated capacity. TransCanada estimates the cost of the construction and new compression facilities at \$271.9 million. It is intended that most of the construction be completed in 1996.

The Board will announce at a later date the procedure that will be followed in considering the application.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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NEB TO HOLD WRITTEN HEARING ON PANCANADIAN OTTAWA RIVER CROSSING APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing by way of written submission on an application by PanCanadian Petroleum Limited of Calgary to construct a natural gas pipeline under the Ottawa River.

The proposed pipeline, estimated at a cost of \$8.4 million, would consist of 14.5 kilometres (nine miles) of 219.1 millimetre (eight inch) pipe running from the TransCanada PipeLines Limited's Ottawa sales gate meter station in Gloucester, Ontario to the Avenor newsprint mill in Gatineau, Quebec. The pipeline is intended to transport nine hundred thousand cubic metres (32 million cubic feet) per day of gas to provide service to a cogeneration facility proposed to be constructed on the CP Forest Products site for an in-service date of 1 November 1996.

Persons wishing to intervene should file with the Board by 17 May, 1995.

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NEB TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON WESTCOAST ENERGY SOUTHERN MAINLINE AND FORT NELSON MAINLINE LOOPING

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) of Vancouver to construct four loops on its natural gas pipeline transmission system in British Columbia.

The public hearing will commence 19 June 1995 in Vancouver, British Columbia at a location to be announced at a later date.

Interventions are required to be filed with the Board by 19 May 1995.

Westcoast has applied to the Board to construct loops of line pipe 1 067 millimetres (42 inches) in diameter along its Southern Mainline. The proposed loops, totalling 39.42 kilometres (23.6 miles) in length, would increase capacity on the line by approximately 2.5 million cubic metres (88 million cubic feet) per day to approximately 53.7 million cubic metres (1.9 billion cubic feet) per day. The company estimates construction costs to be \$74.1 million.

The company has also applied to the Board to construct a 22.1 kilometre loop as part of its Fort Nelson Mainline. The proposed loop, estimated to cost \$33.2 million, would involve the installation of line pipe 914 millimetres (36 inches) in diameter, and would increase capacity on the line by approximately 1.7 million cubic metres (60 million cubic feet) per day to 31.8 million cubic metres (1.1 billion cubic feet) per day.

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May 4, 1995

NEB RELEASES NEW RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

CALGARY - The National Energy Board today released advance copies of its new Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules"). These Rules set out requirements for making applications, representations and complaints to the Board and, generally, the manner of conducting any business before the Board. Copies of the Rules are being made available before they become effective to allow interested persons an opportunity to review their content. The new Rules will be published in the *Canada Gazette* on May 17, 1995 and come into force that day.

In January 1993, the Board asked for comments on its proposed changes to the draft Rules, in light of amendments to the *National Energy Board Act* and changes in export regulation. Once the industry and public were consulted on these amendments, the Rules were sent to the Department of Justice in April 1993 for evaluation. Few substantive changes have been made to the 1993 draft Rules, although some revisions were incorporated as a result of comments received.

The new Rules of Practice and Procedure are available in both official languages and can be obtained from the Board upon request.

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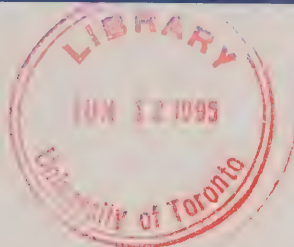
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NEB TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON FOOTHILLS TOLLS AND TARIFF MATTER

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing to consider whether it is appropriate to draw down the deferred taxes of Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd. (Foothills) of Calgary, and if so, to what extent and over what period of time. Foothills' balance of deferred income taxes was frozen at approximately \$135.8 million, effective 1 January 1992 when the Board approved a change in the methodology for providing for income taxes in Foothills' cost of service.

The hearing is scheduled to commence in the Board's third floor hearing room, 311 Sixth Avenue S.W., at 8:30 a.m., 11 September 1995. Those persons wishing to intervene must do so by 23 June 1995.

The hearing is being held to consider a report titled Feasibility and Financial Impact of Drawing Down all, or a Portion of, Foothills Deferred Income Tax Balance. The company was directed to prepare this report by the Board in its Reasons for Decision in Hearing Order RH-1-93, issued November 1993. The company filed that report with the Board on 30 September 1994 and it will serve as the Foothill's application in this hearing.

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NEB RECEIVES EXPRESS PIPELINE APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Express Pipeline Ltd. (Express) of Edmonton to construct and operate an oil transmission pipeline from Hardisty, Alberta to the international boundary near Wild Horse, Alberta and related toll and tariff authorizations.

Express is owned equally by Alberta Energy Company Ltd. of Edmonton and TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary.

The company says the pipeline facility, known as the Express Pipeline, will be made up of approximately 435 kilometres (270 miles) of 610 millimetre (24 inch) pipe, running from Hardisty to Wild Horse. Also included are storage facilities at Hardisty and three pump stations. It will have an initial capacity of 27 000 cubic metres (170 000 barrels) per day. In the United States, the pipeline would continue to a transportation hub at Casper, Wyoming. The estimated cost of the Canadian portion of the pipeline is \$189 million.

Construction of the proposed facilities is scheduled to take place during the early part of 1996, with an in-service date of October 1996.

The Board will announce at a later date how it will proceed with the application.

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26 June 1995



NEB ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXPRESS PIPELINE APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Express Pipeline Ltd. (Express) of Edmonton to construct and operate an oil transmission pipeline from Hardisty, Alberta to the international boundary near Wild Horse, Alberta and related toll and tariff authorizations.

The hearing will commence on Monday, 23 October 1995 at 8:30 a.m. (MT) in the National Energy Board Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

Interventions should be filed with the Secretary of the Board and served on the Applicant by Thursday, 13 July 1995 at 12:00 p.m. (MT).

The Express Pipeline consists of approximately 435 kilometres (270 miles) of 610 millimetre (24 inch) pipe, running from Hardisty to Wild Horse. Also included are storage facilities at Hardisty and three pump stations. It will have an initial capacity of 27 000 cubic metres (170 000 barrels) per day. In the United States, the pipeline would continue to a transportation hub near Casper, Wyoming. The estimated cost of the Canadian portion of the pipeline is \$189 million.

Construction of the proposed facilities is scheduled to take place during the early part of 1996, with an in-service date of October 1996. Express is owned equally by Alberta Energy Company Ltd. of Edmonton and TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary.

The proposed project falls under Part IV, subsection 14(a) of the *Comprehensive Study List Regulations* made pursuant to subsection 59(d) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (the "CEAA"). To avoid duplication and overlap, the Board has requested approval from the Minister of Environment, pursuant to s. 43 of the CEAA, for substitution of the Board's hearing process for an environmental assessment by a review panel under the CEAA. The hearing process will be carried out in accordance with the Board's current *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.



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NEB ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRANSCANADA PIPELINES 1996/1997 FACILITIES APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by TransCanada Pipelines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for the company's 1996/1997 facilities application.

The hearing will begin Monday, 18 September 1995 at a location to be determined.

Persons wishing to intervene should do so by Friday, 14 July 1995.

TransCanada is applying to the Board to add approximately 296.3 kilometres (184.0 miles) of pipeline, including a 0.4 kilometre (.25 miles) crossing of the St. Clair River near Sarnia, Ontario, three new compressor units totalling about 84.9 megawatts of new compression and associated facilities. The company estimates the cost of the new facilities at \$493.1 million. If approved by the Board, TransCanada plans to begin construction during 1995 with 6.3 kilometres (3.9 miles) of pipeline being in service by 1 December 1995, 81.6 kilometres (50.7 miles) by 1 April 1996 and the balance by 1 November 1996.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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26 June 1995

NEB ADJOURNS WRITTEN HEARING ON PANCANADIAN OTTAWA RIVER CROSSING APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has adjourned a public hearing on an application by PanCanadian Petroleum Limited of Calgary to construct a natural gas pipeline under the Ottawa River. The hearing was being conducted by way of written submissions.

The Board adjourned the hearing for an indefinite period of time at the request of PanCanadian.

The proposed pipeline, estimated at a cost of \$8.4 million, would consist of 14.5 kilometres (nine miles) of 219.1 millimetre (eight inch) pipe running from the TransCanada PipeLines Limited's Ottawa sales gate meter station in Gloucester, Ontario to the Avenor Inc. newsprint mill in Gatineau, Quebec. The pipeline is intended to transport nine hundred thousand cubic metres (32 million cubic feet) per day of gas to provide service to a cogeneration facility proposed to be constructed on the Avenor site.

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JOINT NEB/CEAA PANEL TO REVIEW EXPRESS PIPELINE PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) will establish a joint panel to review the Express Pipeline Project. The panel is being established at the request of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment, Sheila Copps.

The Board had requested approval to substitute its hearing process for that of an Agency review panel.

The Express Pipeline consists of approximately 435 kilometres (270 miles) of 610 millimetre (24 inch) pipe, running from Hardisty, Alberta to the international boundary near Wild Horse, Alberta. Also included are storage facilities at Hardisty and three pump stations. It will have an initial capacity of 27 000 cubic metres (170 000 barrels) per day. In the United States, the pipeline would continue to a transportation hub near Casper, Wyoming. The estimated cost of the Canadian portion of the pipeline is \$189 million.

In requesting that a joint review panel be established, Minister Copps said "I believe that a joint panel is the most effective and environmentally responsible way to proceed with the Express Pipeline proposal in order to meet the obligations of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and the *National Energy Board Act*. This way the proponent benefits from a one stop process."

Senior officials of the Agency and the NEB have started discussions to develop expeditiously an agreement for the establishment of the joint review panel.

The Agency will make available \$75,000 from its Participant Funding Program to assist individuals and groups to take part in this review.

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A public hearing is set for the Express Pipeline application commencing 23 October 1995 in the Board's hearing room, 311 Sixth Avenue S.W. The Board is assessing the implications of the joint panel process on its hearing order.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATION FOR 1996 TOLLS FROM TRANSCANADA PIPELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for approval of new tolls the company may charge, effective 1 January 1996 for transportation of natural gas to markets in Canada and the United States.

TransCanada's application provides a 6.9 per cent increase in its gross revenue requirement to \$1,897.9 million from \$1,775.8 million and is based on a rate of return on common equity of 12.25 per cent on a deemed common equity ratio of 30 per cent.

The 12.25 per cent applied for is the rate approved by the Board for 1995. This rate will be adjusted for 1996 in accordance with the NEB formula related to long-term Canadian bond rates established in the Board's multi-pipeline cost of capital decision (RH-2-94) in April, 1995.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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NEB ANNOUNCES DECISION ON WESTCOAST ENERGY 1995 TOLLS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced its decision setting new tolls to be charged effective 1 January 1995 by Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) of Vancouver for transportation of natural gas on the company's pipeline system.

In its decision the Board estimated that final tolls for 1995 will be approximately 5.6 per cent higher than the 1994 tolls. The company had requested an overall toll increase of eight per cent over those approved for 1994. The Board also estimated that the approved revenue requirement for 1995 will be approximately \$448.1 million, or \$10.3 million less than the applied-for amount of \$458.4 million.

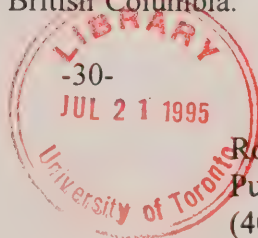
In an earlier decision, the Board approved a rate of return on common equity of 12.25 per cent for Westcoast for 1995. This represents an increase of 75 basis points over the previously approved rate of 11.50 per cent for 1994.

The Board also approved global operating and maintenance expenses of \$135.2 million, or \$3.4 million less than the applied-for amount of \$138.6 million.

A public hearing, lasting seven days, was held in Vancouver, British Columbia from 24 April to 2 May 1995.

Westcoast operates a natural gas gathering and transmission pipeline system extending from points in British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories to a point on the international boundary near Huntingdon, British Columbia.

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NEB UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING TO DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board is considering holding its next public hearing on applications for natural gas export licences in November 1995.

The Board has given notice to all potential applicants that completed applications must be filed on or before 23 August 1995 in order to be included in the November proceeding. Following the 23 August 1995 filing deadline, the Board will issue its hearing order and directions on procedure for those applications which are to be included in the hearing.

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NEB RECEIVES DESAN PIPELINE PROJECT APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from ISH Energy Ltd. (ISH) of Calgary to construct and operate a crude oil and natural gas condensate pipeline in northern British Columbia and Alberta.

The company is requesting permission to construct and operate approximately 95 kilometres (59 miles) of 168.3 millimetre (six inch) pipe and related facilities extending from the Desan oil field in northeastern British Columbia to the Interprovincial Pipe Line (NW) Ltd. terminal facility located on the Norman Wells crude oil pipeline in Alberta. The proposed facilities are known as the Desan Pipeline Project.

ISH said in its application that currently, the unfavourable economics resulting from the high cost of trucking the Desan crude to Ft. St. John, British Columbia, are such that continued development of the Desan field will be limited in the long term, unless transportation costs are reduced. Therefore, as part of the long term development plan, ISH is proposing to construct the Desan Pipeline Project to allow the Desan crude to be delivered to Interprovincial Pipe Line and onward to markets in Edmonton or beyond via Rainbow Pipe Line Company Ltd. The initial capacity of the pipeline would be approximately 480 cubic metres (3 000 barrels) per day of crude oil.

ISH estimates the capital cost of the project to be \$14.5 million. The company is planning for an in-service date of 1 April 1996.

The Desan Pipeline Project is a joint venture equally owned by ISH and Westcoast Gas Services Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver.

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NEB REFERS WESTCOAST GRIZZLY VALLEY PROJECT APPLICATION TO FEDERAL COURT OF APPEAL

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will refer to the Federal Court of Appeal an application from Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) of Vancouver for the proposed expansion of the company's Pine River Plant and Grizzly Valley Raw Gas Transmission System in northeastern British Columbia. The proposed expansion also includes the Sukunka Fuel Gas Pipeline, a loop of the Pine River Mainline and modifications to Compressor Station No. 2.

Westcoast requested that because of the Board's ruling in its Reasons for Decision GH-5-94, issued 26 May 1995 on the constitutional question of jurisdiction, that the Board ask for a ruling at the earliest possible time from the Federal Court of Appeal, on whether the Board has jurisdiction to hear the Grizzly Valley expansion project application.

Persons wishing to comment on the facts relevant to the jurisdictional question should do so by 11 August 1995.

Westcoast said in its application that the proposed expansion facilities will provide additional raw gas transmission, processing and mainline transmission capacity on the company's pipeline system to accommodate additional volumes of gas to be produced in the Grizzly Valley resource area.

The application provides for the expansion of Westcoast's existing Pine River Plant rather than construction of a new plant at Tumbler Ridge as proposed in the company's expansion plans filed with the Board November, 1994.

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NEB TO HOLD WRITTEN HEARING ON ISH ENERGY'S DESAN PIPELINE APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing by way of written submissions for an application by ISH Energy (ISH) of Calgary to construct and operate a crude oil and natural gas condensate pipeline in northern British Columbia and Alberta.

Persons wishing to intervene in the hearing should do so by 10 August 1995.

The company is requesting permission to construct and operate approximately 95 kilometres (59 miles) of 168.3 millimetre (six inch) pipe and related facilities, of which 72 kilometres (44 miles) would be new right-of-way, extending from the Desan oil field in northeastern British Columbia to the Interprovincial Pipe Line (NW) Ltd. terminal facility located on the Norman Wells crude oil pipeline in Alberta. The proposed facilities are known as the Desan Pipeline Project.

ISH estimates the capital cost of the project to be \$14.5 million. The company is planning for an in-service date of 1 April 1996.

The Desan Pipeline Project is a joint venture equally owned by ISH and Westcoast Gas Services Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver.

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NEB APPROVES TRANSALTA UTILITIES APPLICATION TO EXPORT ELECTRICITY

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has approved an application by TransAlta Utilities Corporation for permits to export firm and interruptible electricity to the United States. The approved permits, EPE-73 and EPE-74, cover a period of 5 years beginning 3 August 1995 and ending 3 August 2000. They allow TransAlta to export, in any consecutive twelve-month period, up to 8 760 gigawatt hours of short-term firm energy at a rate of up to 1 000 megawatts and up to 8 760 gigawatt hours of interruptible energy (less any firm energy exported).

In the context of the TransAlta application, a number of interested parties expressed concerns about access to interprovincial transmission facilities. The Board noted transmission access as a factor having the potential to affect an exporter's ability to utilize export authorizations granted by the Board. However, it was cognizant of the fact that the responsibility for inter-utility trade in electricity and overall policy, with the exception of electricity exports, has traditionally been a matter of provincial responsibility.

In January 1994, the Board released its report on Inter-Utility Trade in Electricity, which dealt with the issue of transmission access and discussed various options that place principal reliance on interprovincial cooperation. Given both its current legislation and the tradition of the industry, the Board still favours this approach and is hesitant to interfere with that tradition, especially without clear legislative authority. This view has been reflected in the TransAlta decision.

TransAlta applied to the Board on 31 March 1995. Notice of the application was published in the *Canada Gazette* and other relevant newspapers. Seven interested parties filed written submissions.

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31 July 1995

NEB Investigates TCPL Gas Pipeline failure near Rapid City, Manitoba

Calgary - On the morning of 29 July, the National Energy Board (NEB) received notification from TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL) that two of its large diameter (36- and 42-inch) gas transmission pipelines had ruptured near Rapid City, Manitoba (north of Brandon, Manitoba). Two NEB inspectors were immediately dispatched to the failure location and their investigation is ongoing.

The National Energy Board regulates the safety of interprovincial and international oil and gas pipelines in Canada, including those operated by TCPL, through its *Onshore Pipeline Regulations*. The NEB may investigate an accident to determine the need for changes to a company's practices or to the Board's Regulations or its monitoring and enforcement programs. The NEB also has jurisdiction to inquire into contraventions of the NEB Act. However, the Transportation Safety Board of Canada has exclusive jurisdiction to investigate an accident for the purpose of making findings as to its causes and contributing factors.

It may take several weeks for the metallurgical analysis of the failed pipe to be completed and the exact cause of the failure determined. However, the NEB will continue its investigation, where appropriate in co-operation with the Transportation Safety Board, until it is satisfied that all necessary corrective measures have been taken to prevent future similar accidents.

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NEB AUTHORIZES NATURAL GAS EXPORTS

Calgary - The National Energy Board has issued one natural gas export licence to Renaissance Energy Ltd. and amended an existing gas export licence issued to Brooklyn Navy Yard Cogeneration Partners, L.P. The new licence and the amendment to the existing licence are subject to Governor in Council approval.

The Board considered the applications at a public hearing held from 29 May to 6 June 1995 in Calgary.

The Board amended an existing licence issued to Brooklyn Navy Yard by extending the term of the licence by five years and increasing the term volumes by 1 370.0 million cubic metres (48.5 billion cubic feet). Brooklyn Navy Yard is now authorized to export some 750 000 cubic metres (26.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Iroquois, Ontario for a period of 20 years. The natural gas will be used to fuel a cogeneration facility to be constructed by Brooklyn Navy Yard in Brooklyn, New York. The applicant will be purchasing its gas from Crestar Energy and PanCanadian Petroleum Limited's corporate supply pools.

The Board issued a nine-year licence to Renaissance Energy Ltd. to export some 79 300 cubic metres (2.8 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Niagara Falls, Ontario. The natural gas will be delivered to Renaissance Energy (U.S.) Inc. who in turn will sell it to Delmarva Power & Light Company, a local distribution company in Wilmington, Delaware. The gas will be produced from Renaissance's corporate supply pool.

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<p>BACKGROUND VOLUMES APPROVED</p>

Exporter	Daily 10^3m^3 (MMcf)	Annual 10^6m^3 (Bcf)	Term 10^6m^3 (Bcf)	Duration
Brooklyn Navy	750.0 (26.5)	274.0 (9.7)	5 480.0 (193.5)	From the date of the first deliveries for 20 years
Renaissance	79.3 (2.8)	28.9 (1.0)	289.6 (10.2)	From the date of Governor in Council approval to 1 November 2004

Measurements:	10^3m^3 :	Thousand cubic metres
	10^6m^3 :	Million cubic metres
	MMcf:	Million cubic feet
	Bcf:	Billion cubic feet

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**For immediate release
11 August 1995**

NEB ANNOUNCES PUBLIC INQUIRY ON PIPELINE SAFETY

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced it will hold a wide-ranging public inquiry into stress corrosion cracking (SCC) on Canadian oil and gas pipelines.

Stress corrosion cracking involves a complex process which can result in the formation of cracks on the surface of a buried pipeline. In severe cases, the pipeline can fail if the cracking goes undetected for several years.

TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary has attributed a 29 July 1995 failure near Rapid City, Manitoba to SCC. This is the seventh line rupture on the TransCanada system due to SCC since 1985.

Board Chairman Roland Priddle, in announcing the inquiry, said "The Board is seriously concerned about the increased incidence of stress corrosion cracking." "The issue," he said, "is complex and its ramifications are significant." Priddle said "The inquiry will draw on all available sources of information and advice in order to provide the most up-to-date, factual basis for future decisions by the Board on pipeline safety. In this context, the Board is fully prepared to re-evaluate its previous decisions on safety aspects of SCC."

Further information on the inquiry will be made available as soon as possible.

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A Backgrounder on the Board's inquiry is attached.

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BACKGROUND

Stress Corrosion Cracking

Stress corrosion cracking ("SCC") involves a complex process which can result in the formation of cracks on a buried pipeline. In severe cases, the pipeline can fail if the cracking goes undetected for several years.

TransCanada PipeLines Limited has attributed the pipeline rupture that occurred on its system near Rapid City, Manitoba (situated north of Brandon, Manitoba) on 29 July 1995 to this phenomenon. This incident marked the seventh line rupture on the TransCanada system due to SCC since 1985, and was the second such failure since the National Energy Board ("NEB") released the results of a previous inquiry on SCC and TransCanada's Pipeline Maintenance Program in August 1993.

Investigation of Accidents on Federally-Regulated Pipelines

The NEB regulates the safety of interprovincial and international oil and gas pipelines in Canada, including those operated by TransCanada. The NEB may investigate a pipeline accident for the dual purpose of assessing compliance with its pipeline safety regulations and to determine the need for changes to its regulations or a company's operating practices. The Transportation Safety Board of Canada, on the other hand, has exclusive jurisdiction to investigate a pipeline accident for the purpose of making findings as to cause and contributing factors.

Announcement of Public Inquiry

In light of the seriousness of this issue, the NEB has decided to conduct a public inquiry. In this inquiry, the NEB will use its broad investigative powers to ensure that the best scientific information and expertise is before it and will provide a full opportunity for public input. This inquiry will be wide-ranging and will encompass but not necessarily be limited to the following:

1. An evaluation of the extent of SCC on oil and gas pipeline systems, including examination of all past SCC-related pipe failures.
2. A review of the current knowledge base on SCC, including past and current research and development initiatives and with specific emphasis on the cause, detection, prevention, and repair of SCC.
3. An assessment of the public risks associated with SCC and the management of that risk in both the short and long term, taking into consideration:
 - (a) the appropriate operating pressures for existing pipelines affected by SCC;

- (b) other key areas for action (e.g. pipeline replacements, hydrostatic retesting, investigative excavations, and the development of internal inspection tools); and
 - (c) priorities for future research and development activity.
4. The promotion of coordinated efforts among stakeholders to address the SCC issue, including mechanisms to facilitate the sharing of technical data and research and development information,
 5. Recommendations for potential changes to the Board's *Onshore Pipeline Regulations* and related technical standards.

The procedures that will govern the inquiry are under development and will be issued at a later date.

Short Term Actions

Concurrent with this announcement, the NEB has asked TransCanada to confirm the company's intention to expand the scope of its Pipeline Maintenance Program to cover all of TransCanada's pipeline system. The Pipeline Maintenance Program includes the excavation and inspection of pipe in SCC susceptible locations, hydrostatic retesting, and the replacement of SCC susceptible pipe in proximity to dwellings. In addition, the NEB has directed TransCanada to show cause as to why the pipeline replacement program should not be extended to cover SCC susceptible pipe in the area of compressor and other stations, highways, and railways.

Actions Taken by TransCanada

With the NEB's approval, TransCanada has spent over \$120 million since 1986 on its Pipeline Maintenance Program and research work related to SCC. During the last two years, TransCanada has completed an extensive pipeline replacement program in areas where SCC susceptible pipe was located near dwellings. This program involved the replacement of some 151 pipe sections totalling about 29 kilometres at a cost of approximately \$31 million. In this same two-year timeframe, TransCanada has spent over \$12 million on hydrostatic retesting and investigative excavations of SCC susceptible pipe.



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**Re: Pipeline Failures with Special Regard to Stress Corrosion Cracking
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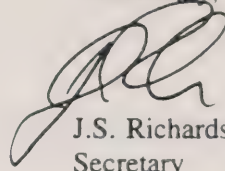
The Board is continuing its evaluation of the 29 July 1995 Rapid City pipeline rupture and directs TransCanada to provide, by 18 August 1995:

1. Confirmation in writing of the advice given by TransCanada representatives to Board staff on 4 August 1995 with respect to the company's plans to expand its Pipeline Maintenance Program to include pipelines west of Winnipeg, along with a proposed schedule for the implementation of this program.
2. In light of the Rapid City incident, show cause as to why TransCanada's pipeline proximity replacement program should not be extended to include SCC susceptible pipe in proximity to compressor and other stations, highways, and railways.
3. An assessment and plan of action regarding the problems posed by discrete tape-coated pipe sections located at sites similar to Rapid City.
4. With regard to any empirical data obtained from the Rapid City failure and pipe burst tests, TransCanada's rationale for the proximity distances in TransCanada's proximity pipe replacement program, and a discussion of whether these distances should be increased.

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As noted in the attached press release, TransCanada is advised that the Board intends to conduct a public inquiry into the issue of SCC, to complement the findings of its MHW-1-92 Inquiry into TransCanada's Pipeline Maintenance Program. In this connection, please provide by 1 September 1995 a comprehensive summary of the steps taken by TransCanada to address SCC on its system. This record should include a description of current research, national and international collaborations, investigative excavations, retests and replacements, future plans, and other related activities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J.S. Richardson', written over a horizontal line.

J.S. Richardson
Secretary

Attach.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board has received five applications to export some 8.3 billion cubic metres (299.7 billion cubic feet) of natural gas for periods ranging from two to 16 years.

The applications received are described below.

Altresco Pittsfield, L.P. applied for a sixteen year and two month licence to export some 895 000 cubic metres (31.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Niagara Falls, Ontario. The natural gas will be used to fuel Altresco's cogeneration facility in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. The applicant will be purchasing its natural gas from Talisman Energy Inc. and Home Oil Company Limited's corporate supply pools.

Crestar Energy applied for a five-year licence to export some 185 000 cubic metres (7.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Monchy, Saskatchewan. The natural gas will be sold to Northern States Power, a local distribution company in the state of Minnesota. The natural gas will be produced from Crestar's corporate supply pool.

Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. applied for a ten-year licence to export some 425 000 cubic metres (15 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Iroquois, Ontario. The natural gas will be utilized to serve markets currently under long-term contracts to Enron. The natural gas will be purchased from the corporate supply pools of Conwest Exploration Company Limited, Czar Resources Ltd. and Orbit Oil & Gas Ltd.

Husky Oil Operations Ltd. applied to extend existing Licence GL-114 by two years from 1 November 2004 to 31 October 2006. Under Licence GL-114, Husky is authorized to export some 424 900 cubic metres (15.1 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba to Midland Cogeneration Venture Limited Partnership which operates a cogeneration facility in Midland, Michigan. The natural gas will be produced from Husky's corporate supply pool.



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Morgan Hydrocarbons Inc. and Coastal Gas Marketing Company, in a joint application, applied for a 10 year and six month licence to export some 283 300 cubic metres (10 million cubic feet) of natural gas at Iroquois, Ontario. The natural gas will be used by Coastal to serve its markets in the U.S. Northeast which consist primarily of local distribution companies, electric generation companies and industrial end users. The natural gas will be produced from Morgan's corporate supply pool.

The Board will announce at a later date how it will proceed to consider the applications.

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<p align="center">BACKGROUNDER VOLUMES APPLIED FOR</p>

Exporter	Daily 10 ³ m ³ (MMcf)	Annual 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Term 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Duration
Altresco	895.0 (31.5)	325.0 (11.5)	5 000.0 (180.0)	1 November 1995 for 16 years and two months
Crestar Energy	185.0 (7.0)	67.5 (2.5)	337.5 (12.5)	1 November 1996 for five years
Enron	425.0 (15.0)	155.0 (5.5)	1 550.0 (55.0)	1 November 1996 to 31 October 2006
Husky (Extension to Licence GL-114 by 2 years)	424.9 (15.1)	155.1 (5.5)	310.2 (11.0)	Extension from 1 November 2004 to 31 October 2006
Morgan/Coastal	283.3 (10.0)	104.0 (3.7)	1 101.0 (41.2)	1 April 1996 to 31 October 2006

Measurements:

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NEB ANNOUNCES TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INQUIRY INTO STRESS CORROSION CRACKING

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced the terms of reference for its public inquiry into stress corrosion cracking (SCC) problems on Canada's oil and natural gas pipelines.

Stress corrosion cracking involves a complex process which can result in the formation of cracks on the surface of a buried pipeline. In severe cases, the pipeline can fail if the cracking goes undetected for several years. The Board announced 11 August 1995 that because it is seriously concerned about the increased incidence of SCC it would hold a wide-ranging public inquiry.

Under section 15 (1) of the *National Energy Board Act*, the inquiry's terms of reference will include:

- an evaluation of the extent of SCC on oil and gas pipeline systems, including examination of all past SCC-related pipe failures;
- a review of the current knowledge base on SCC, including past and current research and development initiatives and with specific emphasis on the nature of SCC, its detection, prevention and mitigation;
- an assessment of the public risk associated with SCC and the management of that risk in both the short and long term; and
- a consideration of initiatives which would promote coordinated efforts among stakeholders to address the SCC issue, including mechanisms to facilitate the sharing of technical data and research and development information.

A complete description of the terms of reference is attached.

The inquiry panel will meet with experts in the research and scientific communities and will hold community sessions in several locations and a public hearing in Calgary. Dates and hearing site locations will be announced later.

The Inquiry will have the powers of subpoena and taking evidence under oath as outlined in the *National Energy Board Act*.

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The Inquiry will issue its Directions on Procedure in mid-September, containing its schedule and a preliminary list of issues.

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NEB INQUIRY ON PIPELINE STRESS CORROSION CRACKING

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Board authorized K.W. Vollman, A. Côté-Verhaaf, and R. Illing (hereafter "the Panel") pursuant to s. 15 (1) of the Act to carry out an Inquiry encompassing:
 - a) an evaluation of the extent of SCC on oil and gas pipeline systems, including examination of all past SCC-related pipe failures;
 - b) a review of the current knowledge base on SCC, including past and current research and development initiatives and with specific emphasis on the mechanism of SCC, its detection, prevention, and mitigation;
 - c) an assessment of the public risk associated with SCC and the management of that risk in both the short and long term, taking into consideration:
 - i) the appropriate operating pressures for existing pipelines affected by SCC;
 - ii) other key areas for action (e.g. pipeline replacements, hydrostatic retesting, investigative excavations, and the development of internal inspection tools); and
 - iii) priorities for future research and development activity;
 - d) a consideration of initiatives which would promote coordinated efforts among stakeholders to address the SCC issue, including mechanisms to facilitate the sharing of technical data and research and development information; and
 - e) any other relevant related matters.
2. The Panel will issue a public report or reports on the findings of the Inquiry and may make recommendations regarding:
 - a) changes to the Board's Onshore Pipeline Regulations and related technical standards;
 - b) decisions or orders to be made by the Board under s. 48(1) of the Act; and
 - c) any other measures to eliminate or mitigate the hazards associated with SCC.
3. The Panel has full discretion in taking evidence or acquiring the information necessary for the purpose of making such a report and recommendations.
4. The Panel will report to the Board from time to time on the progress of its work and also to seek such changes as it may consider necessary in the above mandate.

Note: Mr. Vollman and Mr. Illing are engineers. Mrs. Côté-Verhaaf is an economist.

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5 September 1995

NEB ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRANSCANADA PIPELINES TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for approval of new tolls the company may charge, effective 1 January 1996 for transportation of natural gas to markets in Canada and the United States.

The hearing will begin 11 December 1995 at a location to be announced later.

Persons wishing to intervene in the proceedings must notify the Board by 22 September 1995.

TransCanada's application provides a 6.9 per cent increase in its gross revenue requirement to \$1,897.9 million from the approved amount of \$1,775.8 million and is based on a rate of return on common equity of 12.25 per cent on a deemed common equity ratio of 30 per cent.

The 12.25 per cent applied for is the rate approved by the Board for 1995. This rate will be adjusted for 1996 in accordance with the NEB formula related to long-term Canadian bond rates established in the Board's multi-pipeline cost of capital decision (RH-2-94) in April, 1995.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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8 September 1995

NEB WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing five applications to export some 8.3 billion cubic metres (299.7 billion cubic feet) of natural gas for periods ranging from two to 16 years. The hearing will commence on 14 November 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

Any person wishing to intervene in the hearing must file an intervention by 28 September 1995.

The applications to be considered at the hearing are from **Altresco Pittsfield, L.P., Crestar Energy, Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp., Husky Oil Operations Ltd.** and **Morgan Hydrocarbons Inc./Coastal Gas Marketing Company**, joint applicants.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: For more information on the applications, refer to the Board's News Release of 30 August 1995.

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14 September 1995

NEB RECEIVES INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE AND WESTSPUR PIPE LINE APPLICATIONS FOR FACILITIES EXPANSION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received applications from Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) of Edmonton, and Westspur Pipe Line Company Inc. (Westspur) of Regina, for permission to expand their pipeline systems.

IPL is requesting authorization to construct pumping and associated facilities necessary to expand the capacity of the its system to allow delivery of an incremental volume of approximately 18 900 cubic metres (120 000 barrels) per day. IPL also proposes to construct two new tanks at its existing terminal locations in Hardisty, Alberta and Cromer, Manitoba. IPL estimates the expansion to cost \$86 000 000. The planned in-service date is 31 December 1996.

Westspur is requesting authorization to construct a 33.4 kilometres (21 miles) of pipeline from its Steelman terminal in Saskatchewan to the international border near North Portal, Saskatchewan. At the international border, an interconnection will be made to a new segment of pipeline to be constructed by Portal Pipe Line Company. The expansion will also include pump unit additions and modifications to existing facilities at Westspur's Steelman pump station. The expansion will increase Westspur's capacity by 7 950 cubic metres (50 000 barrels) per day. Westspur estimates the expansion to cost \$5 250 000. The proposed in-service date is the third quarter of 1996. Westspur's applications complements IPL's application.

IPL and Westspur have requested that the Board consider the applications concurrently by means of a written procedure rather than an oral public hearing. The Board will announce at a later date the procedure that will be followed in considering the applications.

IPL owns and operates an oil pipeline transportation system extending from Edmonton to the international boundary at Gretna, Manitoba and from the international boundary near Sarnia, Ontario to locations in Ontario and Québec.

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Westspur owns and operates a pipeline system for the transportation of crude oil and natural gas liquids. The main trunk pipeline system consists of 300 kilometres (180 miles) of pipeline from Midale, Saskatchewan to Cromer, Manitoba.

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For immediate release
20 September 1995

NEB INVITES PARTICIPATION FOR STRESS CORROSION CRACKING INQUIRY

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has issued its Directions on Procedures for participation in its public inquiry into stress corrosion cracking (SCC) problems on Canada's oil and natural gas pipelines. The Board also issued a "Preliminary List of Issues" to assist persons in the preparation of their written submissions to the Board.

During the inquiry, the Board will gather information on the status of research on SCC and the experience of pipeline companies and regulatory agencies. The Board will also meet with several communities beginning in late October, with definite dates to be announced in local newspapers, to discuss public concerns. Thereafter, the Board will hold a public hearing in Calgary in early 1996.

The Board requests persons to register as participants to the inquiry by 12 October 1995 and file submissions to the inquiry by 31 December 1995.

Stress corrosion cracking involves a complex process which can result in the formation of cracks on the surface of a buried pipeline. In severe cases, the pipeline can fail if the cracking goes undetected for several years. There have been seven pipeline failures on the TransCanada PipeLines system attributed to SCC since 1985. The Board announced 11 August 1995 that because it is seriously concerned about the increased incidence of SCC it would hold a wide-ranging public inquiry into SCC on Canadian oil and gas pipelines. On 5 September 1995 the Board announced the terms of reference for the inquiry.

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For release at 2:30 p.m. (MT)
28 September 1995

NEB ANNOUNCES DECISION FOR ISH ENERGY DESAN PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has given approval to an application by ISH Energy Ltd. (ISH) of Calgary to construct and operate a crude oil pipeline in northern British Columbia and Alberta.

The Board conducted a public hearing by way of written submission to consider the application.

ISH will construct and operate 95 kilometres (59 miles) (of which 72 kilometres (44 miles) will be new right-of-way) of 168.3 millimetre (six inch) pipeline extending from the Desan oil field in northeastern British Columbia to the Interprovincial Pipe Line (NW) Ltd. injection facility located on the Norman Wells crude oil pipeline in Alberta. The project also involves the construction of pumping and metering equipment and other associated pipeline facilities. The project is known as the Desan Pipeline Project.

ISH estimates the capital cost of the project to be \$14.5 million. The company is planning for an in-service date of 1 April 1996.

The Desan Pipeline Project is a joint venture equally owned by ISH and Westcoast Gas Services Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver.

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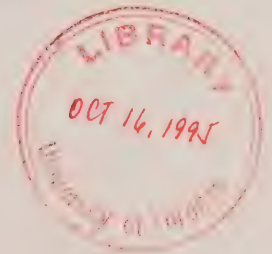
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For release at 2:30 p.m. MT)
28 September 1995

NEB RULES ON NIAGARA GAS JURISDICTION QUESTION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has decided that a section of The Consumers' Gas Company Limited (Consumers' Gas) natural gas pipeline, once joined to a proposed pipeline of Niagara Gas Transmission Limited (Niagara Gas) which will cross the Ottawa River, is subject to federal jurisdiction.

Niagara Gas, an affiliate of Consumers' Gas, is constructing a natural gas transportation line across the Ottawa River, linking with the existing Consumers' Gas Ottawa East line. The Niagara Gas line is intended to connect at its downstream end with a new line that Gazifère Inc. (Gazifère) plans to construct in Québec to expand its distribution system. The Board approved the proposed Niagara line but found that a consideration of the Niagara Gas application raised a question of jurisdiction over the upstream facilities of Consumers' Gas. In December 1994, the Board advised parties involved in the application that it would take no decision on the jurisdictional question until the construction of Gazifère's new line had been approved by the Québec regulatory authority. On 5 July 1995, this authorization was received by Gazifère and the Board subsequently received a request from Consumers' Gas to proceed with the jurisdictional question.

The Board has decided that the Ottawa East line of Consumers' Gas, once connected to the Niagara line, is subject to federal jurisdiction. As a result of the nature of the connection of the Ottawa East line to the upstream TransCanada PipeLines line, federal jurisdiction commences where the TransCanada line connects with the Consumers' Gas line at the property of the Ottawa Gate Station and includes the Ottawa Gate Station and the Ottawa East line.

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28 September 1995

NEB HAS REFERRED WESTCOAST GRIZZLY VALLEY PROJECT APPLICATION TO FEDERAL COURT OF APPEAL

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has today referred to the Federal Court of Appeal an application from Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) of Vancouver for the proposed expansion of the company's Pine River Plant and Grizzly Valley Raw Gas Transmission System in northeastern British Columbia. The proposed expansion also includes the Sukunka Fuel Gas Pipeline, a loop of the Pine River Mainline and modifications to Compressor Station No. 2.

Westcoast requested that, because of the Board's ruling in its Reasons for Decision GH-5-94, issued 26 May 1995 on the constitutional question of jurisdiction, the Board ask for a ruling at the earliest possible time from the Federal Court of Appeal, on whether the Board has jurisdiction to hear the Grizzly Valley expansion project application.

A date will be set by the Court for the filing of submissions and the hearing of the reference.

Westcoast said in its application that the proposed expansion facilities will provide additional raw gas transmission, processing and mainline transmission capacity on the company's pipeline system to accommodate additional volumes of gas to be produced in the Grizzly Valley resource area.

The application provides for the expansion of Westcoast's existing Pine River Plant rather than construction of a new plant at Tumbler Ridge as proposed in the company's expansion plans filed with the Board November, 1994.

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For immediate release
6 October 1995

NEB SETS HEARING DATE FOR TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINES 1995 AND 1996 TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd. (Trans Mountain) of Vancouver, British Columbia for tolls it may charge for the transportation of oil on the company's pipeline system for 1995 and 1996.

The hearing will be held in Vancouver beginning 12 February 1996. The exact location will be announced at a later date.

Persons wishing to intervene in the application are asked to do so by 10 November 1995.

The company is requesting tolls based on a rate of return on common equity of 12.25 per cent for 1995 and a deemed common equity ratio of 45 per cent, both of which were approved in the Board's multi-pipeline cost of capital hearing (RH-2-94). Trans Mountain has been on interim tolls since 1 January 1995.

Trans Mountain operates an oil pipeline transportation system through Alberta and British Columbia and connects at the international boundary with a pipeline system capable of delivering Canadian petroleum to four refineries in Washington State.

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NEB NEWS RELEASE - CORRECTIONS

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For immediate release
6 October 1995

NEB SETS HEARING DATE FOR TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINES 1995 AND 1996 TOLLS APPLICATION

THERE WAS AN ERROR IN THE HEARING AND INTERVENTION DATES IN THE ABOVE-NOTED NEWS RELEASE. IT SHOULD HAVE READ:

"The hearing will be held in Vancouver beginning 27 November 1995 at 1:00 p.m. The exact location will be announced at a later date.

Persons wishing to intervene in the application are asked to do so by 23 October 1995."

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COMMUNIQUE DE L'ONÉ - CORRECTIONS



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Diffusion immédiate
Le 6 octobre 1995

L'ONÉ FIXE LA DATE D'AUDITION DE LA DEMANDE DE TRANS MOUNTAIN CONCERNANT LES DROITS DE 1995 ET 1996

IL Y AVAIT DES ERREURS DANS LE COMMUNIQUE DE PRESSE MENTIONNÉ EN RUBRIQUE. LA DATE D'AUDIENCE ET LA DATE D'INTERVENTION AURAIT DU LIRE COMME SUIT:

"L'audience débutera à Vancouver le 27 novembre 1995 à 13 h.; l'endroit sera annoncé ultérieurement.

Toute personne désirant intervenir dans la demande doit le signaler d'ici au 23 octobre 1995.

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10 October 1995

NEB SETS WRITTEN HEARING PROCEDURE FOR INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE AND WESTSPUR PIPE LINE APPLICATIONS FOR FACILITIES EXPANSION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing by way of written submissions applications from Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) of Edmonton, Alberta and Westspur Pipe Line Company Inc. (Westspur) of Regina, Saskatchewan for permission to expand their pipeline systems.

Persons wishing to intervene in the hearing are asked to do so by 1 November 1995.

IPL is requesting authorization to construct pumping and associated facilities necessary to expand the capacity of its system to allow delivery of an incremental volume of approximately 18 900 cubic metres (120 000 barrels) per day. IPL also proposes to construct two new tanks at its existing terminal locations in Hardisty, Alberta and Cromer, Manitoba. The company estimates the expansion will cost \$86 million. The planned in-service date is 31 December 1996.

Westspur is requesting authorization to construct a 33.4 kilometre (21 miles) pipeline from its Steelman terminal in Saskatchewan to the international border near North Portal, Saskatchewan. At the international border, an interconnection will be made to a new segment of pipeline to be constructed by Portal Pipe Line Company. The expansion will also include pump unit additions and modifications to existing facilities at Westspur's Steelman pump station. The expansion will increase Westspur's capacity by 7 950 cubic metres (50 000 barrels) per day. Westspur estimates the expansion to cost \$5.25 million. The proposed in-service date is the third quarter of 1996. Westspur's application complements IPL's application. IPL and Westspur requested the Board consider the two applications together.

IPL owns and operates an oil pipeline transportation system extending from Edmonton to the international boundary at Gretna, Manitoba and from the international boundary near Sarnia, Ontario to locations in Ontario and Quebec.

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Westspur owns and operates a pipeline system for the transportation of crude oil and natural gas liquids. The main trunk system consists of 300 kilometres (180 miles) of pipeline from Midale, Saskatchewan to Cromer, Manitoba.

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For release at 2:30 p.m. (MT)
26 October 1995

NEB ANNOUNCES DECISION ON DEFERRED INCOME TAXES OF FOOTHILLS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will allow Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd. (Foothills) of Calgary to draw down the company's balance of deferred income taxes over a period of 10 years, starting 1 January 1996.

The Board held a public hearing in Calgary on 11 and 12 September regarding the application.

Foothills' balance of deferred income taxes was frozen at approximately \$135.8 million, effective 1 January 1992 when the Board approved a change in the methodology of accounting for income taxes in the company's cost of service. The hearing was held to consider a report titled Feasibility and Financial Impact of Drawing Down all, or a Portion of, Foothills Deferred Income Tax Balance. The company was directed to prepare the report by the Board in its Reasons for Decision RH-1-93, issued in November 1993. The company filed that report with the Board on 30 September 1994 and it served as the application for this hearing.

The Board estimates that the amortization of deferred taxes should reduce the company's total cost of service by approximately \$24 million per year for each of the 10 years of drawdown. While this cost reduction represents almost 14 per cent of Foothills combined annual cost of service, the cost savings in tolls will be largely offset by an increase in Foothills depreciation rate from two per cent to three per cent, commencing 1 January 1996.

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8 November 1995

NEB ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXPRESS PIPELINE APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will convene a public hearing on an application by Express Pipeline Ltd. (Express) to construct and operate an oil transmission pipeline from Hardisty, Alberta to the international boundary near Wild Horse, Alberta and for related toll and tariff authorizations. The application will be heard by a joint panel consisting of two permanent NEB members and two temporary members nominated by the Minister of the Environment pursuant to the Canadian Environment Assessment Act.

The hearing will commence on 15 January 1996 at 1 p.m. (MT) in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

The Canadian portion of the proposed Express Pipeline would consist of approximately 435 kilometres (270 miles) of 610 millimetre (24 inch) diameter pipeline extending south from Hardisty, Alberta to the international border near Wild Horse, Alberta, as well as associated terminaling, storage, and pumping facilities (at an estimated total cost of about \$196 million). On the U.S. side, the pipeline would continue across the State of Montana and terminate near Casper, Wyoming. The pipeline is planned to have an initial capacity of approximately 27 000 cubic metres (170,000 barrels) of crude oil per day, with linefill scheduled to take place by October 1996.

Express is owned equally by Alberta Energy Company Ltd. of Edmonton and TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary.

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Background

At the time it filed its application on 8 June 1995, Express requested that the Board seek approval from the Minister of the Environment, pursuant to section 43 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* ("CEAA"), to have its hearing process substituted for that of a review panel constituted under the CEAA. On 22 June 1995, the Board set the application down for hearing (scheduled start date 23 October 1995 in Calgary) and advised that it had made a request to the Minister for the CEAA substitution.

On 7 July 1995, the Minister advised the Board that it would be more appropriate to establish a joint review panel with the Board, pursuant to sections 40 through 42 of the CEAA, for the public review of the project. A draft agreement for the establishment of a joint panel was subsequently drawn up and issued for public comment on 27 July 1995. This process drew three submissions. On 5 September 1995, the Board announced that it had suspended the OH-1-95 hearing schedule pending the outcome of a proposal to establish a joint review panel between the Board and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency for the assessment of the Express project.

On 13 September 1995, the Minister and the Board finalized an agreement whereby the application would be heard by a joint panel consisting of two permanent Board Members and two other persons appointed as part-time temporary Board Members. On 26 September 1995, the Board notified OH-1-95 parties that the agreement had been struck and advised that a revised hearing order would be issued following the appointment of the two temporary members.

On 2 October 1995, the Minister announced the appointment of a panel to review the application. The four-member panel will consist of Mr. Roland Priddle, Chairman of the Board and panel chair; Board Member Mrs. Anita Côté-Verhaaf; Dr. Glennis Lewis, president of Calgary-based Lewis Consulting Limited; and, Dr. Richard Revel, University of Calgary Professor of Environmental Science, Faculty of Environmental Design.

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For immediate release
24 November 1995

NEB RECEIVES PESH CREEK PIPELINE APPLICATION FROM NOVAGAS CLEARINGHOUSE PIPELINES LTD.

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Novagas Clearinghouse Pipelines Ltd. (NCPL) of Calgary to construct and operate a new pipeline facility carrying natural gas from northeastern British Columbia to northwestern Alberta.

The applied-for facilities (referred to as the Pesh Creek pipeline) consist of approximately 16.5 kilometres (10 miles) of 273.1 millimetre (10 inch) diameter pipe which will transport natural gas from a proposed separation, compression and metering facility in northeastern British Columbia (referred to as the Peggo facility) to a proposed NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. metering facility in northwestern Alberta.

The proposed pipeline will have the capacity to deliver 563 thousand cubic metres (20 million cubic feet) per day from the so-far unconnected Midwinter field in northeastern British Columbia to the proposed Peggo facility.

NCPL estimates the capital cost of the project to be \$2.9 million. The company is planning an in-service date of 30 April 1996.

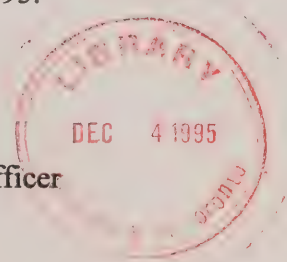
The Board received a letter dated 21 November from Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver, asking the Board to consider this pipeline application as part of a larger project, designed to collect, process and transmit gas from British Columbia into Alberta.

The Board has invited comments from interested parties by 8 December 1995.

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NEWS RELEASE

NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD ♦ CALGARY, ALBERTA T2P 3H2

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30 November 1995

For release at 2:30 p.m. (MT)

NEB APPROVES TRANSCANADA PIPELINES 1996/1997 PIPELINE FACILITIES EXPANSION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application from TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary to construct new pipeline and associated compression facilities on its mainline natural gas transmission system.

The decision follows a public hearing held in Sarnia, Ontario, 2 to 4 October 1995.

The Board has given approval for TransCanada to construct 296 kilometres (184 miles) of new pipeline loop in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. The company will also be installing three new compressors for a total of 84.9 megawatts of new compression, two new meter stations, manifolding at eight compressor stations and associated construction. The company estimates the capital cost of the proposed facilities at \$489 million.

The new facilities will allow TransCanada to meet domestic and export requirements under existing contracts and to provide for 2.8 million cubic metres (99.6 million cubic feet) per day of new firm transportation, of which approximately half will be for domestic customers and half for export. It will also provide an average of 805 thousand cubic metres (28.4 million cubic feet) per day of increased firm service tendered (FST) service.

The company plans to construct the facilities in 1996.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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For Immediate Release
30 November 1995

REMAINING AUTHORIZED NATURAL GAS EXPORTS UNDER LONG-TERM LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board today released a statistical report entitled "*Remaining Authorized Gas Exports Under Long-term Licences as of 1 November 1995*".

The Board's report shows that the total authorized volumes of natural gas remaining to be exported under long-term licences, up to the year 2014, is 521.0 billion cubic metres (18.3 trillion cubic feet). This quantity does not include licences authorizing the export of natural gas from the Mackenzie Delta totalling 260.0 billion cubic metres (9.2 trillion cubic feet). The estimated remaining reserves and undiscovered resources in conventional gas pools in the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin, as of 1 November 1995, is 4 650.0 billion cubic metres (164.0 trillion cubic feet) of which approximately 1 780.0 billion cubic metres (63.0 trillion cubic feet) is remaining reserves and 2 870.0 billion cubic metres (101.0 trillion cubic feet) is undiscovered resources. Therefore, the total long-term authorized exports represent approximately 29 percent of remaining reserves and approximately 11 percent of total remaining reserves and undiscovered resources.

The volumes authorized for long-term exports to the U.S. are regionally distributed as follows: 40 percent to the Northeast; 32 percent to the Midwest; 15 percent to California; and, 13 percent to the Pacific Northwest.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: The Appendices to the Board's report are available on the Board's Bulletin Board System. The Appendices are : Annual Licensed Export Volumes by U.S. Regions; Annual Licensed Export Volumes by U.S. Customer Type; and, Licensed Export Volumes - Top Five Exporters. For information on accessing the Bulletin Board System, call 403-292-4800.

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NEB RELEASES FINAL LIST OF ISSUES FOR STRESS CORROSION CRACKING INQUIRY

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has released its final List of Issues for its public inquiry into Stress Corrosion Cracking (SCC) on Canada's oil and natural gas pipelines. At the same time, the Board issued supplementary Directions on Procedure, setting key dates for the inquiry's process.

The Board has decided that the public hearing portion of the inquiry will commence on 15 April 1996. It will be held at the Board's hearing room in Calgary.

Written submissions from interested parties are due by February 16. Letters of Comment are due by March 15.

The Board announced on 20 September 1995 that two types of preparatory work would be conducted prior to the public hearing. The first involved gathering information on the status of research on SCC and the experience of pipeline companies and other regulatory agencies. Secondly, the Board said it would meet with several communities to discuss public concerns.

The Board has now met with 10 different organizations that have a knowledge of SCC. As well, Board representatives met informally with residents and municipal officials in the areas of Rapid City, Manitoba, and Vermillion Bay, Williamstown and Cardinal, Ontario, which are localities of recent pipeline failures. Board representatives also met with representatives of the Ontario Pipeline Landowners Association. The Board is of the view that these consultations have served the intended purpose of the second type of preparatory work and does not anticipate any additional community consultation prior to the commencement of the hearing in April.

The meeting notes and reports of both the technical and community meetings will amount to several hundred pages and will be available for inspection in the Board's library.

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Stress corrosion cracking involves a complex process which can result in the formation of cracks on the surface of a buried pipeline. In severe cases, the pipeline can fail if the cracking goes undetected for several years. There have been seven pipeline failures on the TransCanada PipeLines system attributed to SCC since 1985. The Board announced 11 August 1995 that because it is seriously concerned about the increased incidence of SCC it would hold a wide-ranging public inquiry on Canadian oil and gas pipelines. On 5 September 1995 the Board announced the terms of reference for the inquiry.

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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD RECEIVES REQUEST FOR INTERIM APPORTIONMENT RESTRICTION ORDER ON INTERPROVINCIAL PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received a request to issue an interim two-month order restricting apportionment on the Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) oil and products pipeline.

The request came in a letter signed by 13 shippers and asks for an interim order amending the apportionment process whereby IPL allocates pipeline capacity for the transportation of crude oil. The letter states that the objective of the interim order would be to instill reality into the allocation process, while the industry cooperatively works to develop a recommendation that will function longer-term. Apportionment occurs when nominations to ship on the company's system exceed pipeline capacity. Apportionment on the IPL system reached 32 per cent for December, a figure which the shippers say they believe is not warranted, based on actual crude oil producibility in Western Canada.

The shippers' letter is asking the NEB to issue an order consisting of the following terms:

- 1) The interim order is in place for IPL nominations for injections in the months of January and February only.
- 2) Pipeline space would be allocated to shippers of historical record using the basis of the higher of:
 - their averaged monthly apportioned supply into IPL in the months of May 1995 through August 1995 inclusive, or
 - their averaged 1995 monthly apportioned supply into IPL.
- 3) Any small shipper of historical record for 1995 which did ship volumes in the period 1 July 1995 until 6 December 1995 inclusive, and whose allocation would amount to less than eight thousand cubic metres per month in number 2 above, be given an allocation of eight thousand cubic metres per month (one small batch equivalent).
- 4) No new shippers be permitted onto the system during the two-month period of the interim order.

The Board is asking for comments on the request by noon 11 December 1995.

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IPL owns and operates an oil pipeline transportation system extending from Edmonton, Alberta to the international boundary at Gretna, Manitoba and from the international boundary near Sarnia, Ontario to locations in Ontario and Quebec.

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NEB ANNOUNCES FIRST RATE OF RETURN ADJUSTMENT RESULTING FROM MULTI-PIPELINE COST OF CAPITAL HEARING

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced a 1996 rate of return on common equity of 11.25 per cent as the first adjustment resulting from its multi-pipeline cost of capital (RH-2-94) decision of April 1995. The 1995 rate of return on common equity was set at 12.25 per cent. The pipeline companies whose return on equity is affected by this adjustment are listed below.

In its April decision, the Board found that an automatic mechanism to make annual adjustments to the approved rate of return on common equity was appropriate. The adjustment mechanism, to apply from the 1996 toll year onwards, is based on changes in forecast yields for 10-year Government of Canada bonds published in Consensus Forecasts (Consensus Economics Inc., London, England), adjusted to reflect the spread between 10-year and 30-year Government of Canada bonds. Changes in the rate of return on common equity will be 75 per cent of the year-over-year changes in bond yield forecasts.

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Group 1 gas pipelines subject to the RH-2-94 proceeding are:

Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd
Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd.
TransCanada PipeLines Limited
Trans Québec and Maritimes Pipeline Inc.
Westcoast Energy Inc.

The single Group 1 oil and products pipeline subject to the RH-2-94 proceeding is:

Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd.

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NEB RECEIVES 1996 TOLLS APPLICATION FROM TQM PIPELINE

CALGARY --The National Energy Board has received an application from Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc. (TQM) for tolls to be charged by the Company on its natural gas transmission system, effective 1 January 1996.

TQM is requesting that the Board approve a Revenue Requirement of \$69.8 million for 1996, which is 9.7 percent higher than was authorized by the Board for 1995. The Revenue Requirement has been calculated on the basis of a rate of return on equity of 12.25 percent and a common equity ratio of 30 percent. In accordance with the Board's first adjustment resulting from its multi-pipeline cost of capital decision (RH-2-94), TQM estimates that at a rate of return on common equity of 11.25 percent, the Revenue Requirement would be reduced by \$1.6 million to \$68.2 million.

TQM has asked the Board to deal with the application by way of a written hearing. The Company is also seeking Board approval in principle for its proposal to streamline toll revisions, starting in the 1997 Test Year.

Copies of the application are available for viewing at TQM's offices in Montreal and at the Board's offices in Calgary.

TQM's pipeline system extends from the point of interconnection with the TransCanada system at Saint-Lazare, Quebec to a point west of Quebec City. TQM is jointly owned by TransCanada Pipelines Limited of Calgary and Société en commandite Gaz Métropolitain of Montreal.

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NEB DECIDES ON REQUEST FOR INTERIM APPORTIONMENT RESTRICTION ORDER ON INTERPROVINCIAL PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has decided on a request by 13 shippers to issue an interim two-month order amending the process whereby Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) allocates pipeline capacity on its crude oil lines. After receiving and considering comments from interested parties, the Board, by a majority decision, granted the request of the 13 shippers and ordered as follows:

- "1. Pipeline space shall be allocated to shippers of historical record using as a basis the higher of:

their average monthly apportioned supply into IPL in the months of May through August 1995 inclusive,

or

their average 1995 monthly apportioned supply into IPL.
2. Any shipper of historical record for 1995 who did ship volumes in the period 1 July 1995 until 6 December 1995, inclusive and whose allocation would amount to less than 8 000 cubic metres per month under clause "1" above shall be given an allocation of 8 000 cubic metres per month.
3. A maximum of one percent of IPL's capacity shall be made available to new shippers during the two-month period of the interim order. Every new shipper shall be limited in its monthly volumes to 8 000 cubic metres, subject to apportionment. Only those companies that had been approved by IPL for shipper status as of midnight, 6 December 1995 shall be eligible for new shipper status during the period of the interim order.
4. This order shall be effective for injections in the months of January and February 1996.
5. IPL consult with industry to arrive at a long-term solution, and file its recommendations with the Board, its shippers and interested parties by 22 January 1996. IPL and industry should review, among other things: using spare capacity on Cochin pipeline; moving certain crudes out of line 3; determining a workable tender verification process; handling of inventories and the impact of new pipeline capacity."



The 13 shippers submitted that the objective of the interim order would be to instill reality into the allocation process, while the industry cooperatively works to develop a recommendation that will function longer-term. Apportionment occurs when nominations to ship on the company's system exceed pipeline capacity. Apportionment on the IPL system reached 32 percent for December, a figure which the 13 shippers said they believe is not warranted, based on actual crude oil producibility in Western Canada.

The Board received comments on the shippers' request from 33 interested parties, and reply comments from the shippers and IPL.

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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD RELEASES NEW NATURAL GAS MARKET ASSESSMENT REPORT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has released its latest in a series of Natural Gas Market Assessment (NGMA) reports entitled *Price Convergence in North American Natural Gas Markets*. NGMA reports contain results of the Board's ongoing natural gas market monitoring which in turn constitutes a part of the Board's Market-Based Procedure of natural gas export regulation.

This NGMA report is directed toward a statistical analysis of price links between various natural gas producing basins in North America since the natural gas market deregulation in the mid-1980s. By assessing the strength of the price links between basins, conclusions can be made about whether natural gas is priced in a single "continental" market or whether pricing takes place in segmented regional markets. The strength of such links can serve as an indicator of market competitiveness, and is also important in terms of the degree to which natural gas supply/demand developments in other parts of North America may influence natural gas prices in Canada.

The Board's analysis suggests three broad conclusions: (1) there has been an increasing degree of integration among North American natural gas markets since price deregulation and the introduction of open access; (2) there is, however, somewhat of a pricing split between eastern and western gas markets; and, (3) the pricing of Alberta gas is more strongly linked with western U.S. natural gas markets than with eastern markets. Thus, despite the general trend towards greater continental market integration it would not be accurate at this point to claim that there is a single North American natural gas market in which the "law of one price" prevails. In the case of Alberta, the study identifies the growth in export pipeline capacity as the strongest single factor which enhanced the degree of price integration of the province with other North American markets.

Overall, the study provides statistical evidence for industry perceptions of increasing market integration since the natural gas market deregulation, and of an east-west continental split in gas pricing. The study concludes that the increased market integration has benefited both consumers and producers. The ability of consumers to access least-cost supplies and the ability of producers to obtain the best price, regardless of their respective locations, have improved as a result. The increased degree of integration among North American markets also implies that markets have become more competitive because the effective number of participants on both sides of the market has become greater. As a result, the potential for a dominant market player, or a few market players, to unduly influence prices at any location has diminished.

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NEB ISSUES DECISION ON PHASE 1 OF TRANSCANADA PIPELINES 1996 TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has issued a decision with respect to Phase I of its public hearing into tolls and tariffs requested by TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary for 1996. This phase of the hearing was heard in Ottawa from 11 December 1995 to 14 December 1995 and covered various Tolls Task Force resolutions, issues related to Firm Service Tendered (FST) and an application for interim tolls to be effective 1 January 1996.

In its decision, the Board approved a number of toll and tariff resolutions which had been resolved by the 1996 Tolls Task Force. The Board approved a revised "suite of services" which is used to calculate the FST Differential for 1996. The Board also approved revised interim tolls to be effective 1 January 1996. These tolls are to be based on this decision and a revised rate of return on common equity of 11.25 per cent.

On 20 December 1995, TransCanada filed with the Board an "Incentive Cost Recovery and Revenue Sharing Settlement" which applies to the determination of TransCanada's net revenue requirement and resulting tolls for the years 1996 - 1999 inclusive. The Board is seeking the views of parties on the procedure to be followed in respect of the settlement and on whether any issues other than the settlement, remain to be decided in Phase 2. Views of parties are to be provided to the Board by 5 January 1996.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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NEB TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON TQM PIPELINE TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing by way of written submission an application by Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc. (TQM) for tolls to be charged by the Company on its natural gas transmission system, effective 1 January 1996.

TQM is requesting that the Board approve a revised Revenue Requirement of \$67.2 million for 1996, which is 5.6 percent higher than was authorized by the Board for 1995. The Revenue Requirement has been calculated on the basis of a rate of return on common equity of 11.25 percent as determined by the Board in accordance with the Board's first adjustment resulting from its Multi-Pipeline Cost of Capital decision (RH-2-94), and a common equity ratio of 30 percent.

Persons wishing to intervene should file notice with the Board in writing by 18 January 1996.

TQM's pipeline system extends from the point of interconnection with the TransCanada system at Saint-Lazare, Quebec to a point west of Quebec City. TQM is jointly owned by TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary and Société en commandite Gaz Métropolitain of Montreal.

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NEB ANNOUNCES ENACTMENT OF THE EXPORT AND IMPORT REPORTING REGULATIONS

CALGARY -- On 13 December 1995 the *National Energy Board Export and Import Reporting Regulations* were promulgated in Part II of the *Canada Gazette*. The Board's current Part VI Regulations were also amended to reflect the enactment of the new Regulations.

The new Regulations streamline the reporting requirements for persons exporting oil, gas or electricity or importing gas under the authority of a licence, order or permit issued by the National Energy Board.

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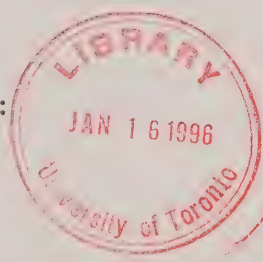
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National Library of Canada Revises Levels of Cataloguing Treatment

Ottawa — March 28, 1996 — In the interests of timeliness, accessibility and economy, the National Library of Canada has revised the levels of cataloguing treatment for all formats of publications listed in the national bibliography, *Canadiana*, and held in the Library's collections.

Effective April 1, there will be three cataloguing levels (full, minimal and abbreviated) rather than the previous five (full, partial, enhanced minimal, minimal and abbreviated). The currency of an item will now be a factor in determining the appropriate treatment level.

At the full cataloguing level, records with full descriptive and subject access points and comprehensive notes are provided. This treatment is accorded to Cataloguing in Publication (CIP) material, most government documents in the Depository Services Program (DSP), items for the National Library's special collections (rare books, the Jacob M. Lowy Collection, reference, library and information science, and juvenile materials), and current publications in the Library's areas of special emphasis (music in Canada, Canadian literature, and the historical approach to the development of Canadian society).

The minimal cataloguing level, familiar to current users of the National Library's bibliographic records, restricts the number of descriptive access points, does not assign subject headings, and provides shortened Dewey numbers and limited notes. This treatment is assigned, by default, to incoming material not covered by either the full cataloguing level or the abbreviated cataloguing level.

The abbreviated cataloguing level contains the least amount of information needed for identification. There are no subject headings, few notes and descriptive access is usually restricted to one access point beyond the main entry. This level applies to all material excluded from the national bibliography, mass market paperback fiction, ephemera, other minor publications and less significant educational materials.

Apart from materials for the CIP and DSP programs and those for the Library's special collections, older items will be moved to lower cataloguing levels. Derived cataloguing records will be used for items receiving lower treatment levels wherever possible.

The Library's revised cataloguing levels are intended to reduce processing time, keep cataloguing as consistent and current as possible, ensure continuing access to materials, minimize backlogs, and address the problem of severely reduced resources. The changes reflect the National Library's recognition of the high priority that Canadian libraries place on the timeliness of cataloguing products. The National Library will monitor the impact of the revised system of cataloguing levels during the next year.

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La Bibliothèque nationale du Canada révise ses niveaux de traitement de catalogage

Ottawa, le 28 mars 1996 — Afin de respecter ses objectifs de rapidité de catalogage, d'accessibilité et d'économie, la Bibliothèque nationale du Canada a révisé ses niveaux de traitement de catalogage pour tous les formats des publications faisant partie de ses collections ou répertoriées dans *Canadiana*, la bibliothèque nationale.

À compter du 1^{er} avril prochain, on comptera trois niveaux de traitement (complet, minimal et abrégé) au lieu des cinq niveaux précédents (complet, partiel, minimal rehaussé, minimal et abrégé). L'actualité d'une publication sera désormais un facteur qui influe sur l'attribution du niveau de traitement.

Le niveau de catalogage complet comprend des notices dotées de points d'accès descriptifs et de sujet détaillés et contenant des notes exhaustives. Ce niveau de traitement est attribué aux documents du Catalogage avant publication (CIP), à la plupart des publications officielles du Programme de services de dépôt (PSD), aux documents des collections spéciales (livres rares, Jacob M. Lowy, référence, bibliothéconomie et sciences de l'information ainsi que littérature de jeunesse) de la Bibliothèque nationale et aux publications courantes des domaines de spécialisation de la Bibliothèque, soit la musique au Canada, la littérature canadienne et l'approche historique concernant l'évolution de la société canadienne.

Le niveau de catalogage minimal, bien connu des utilisateurs actuels des notices bibliographiques de la Bibliothèque nationale, limite le nombre de points d'accès descriptifs, n'inclut pas de vedette-matière et comprend des indices abrégés de la classification de Dewey et des notes brèves. Ce niveau de traitement est attribué, de façon implicite, à tout document reçu qui ne correspond pas aux critères des niveaux de catalogage complet ou abrégé.

Le niveau de catalogage abrégé est attribué aux notices nécessitant le moins de renseignements possible aux fins d'identification. Ces notices n'ont pas de vedette-matière, contiennent peu de notes et l'accès descriptif y est habituellement limité à un seul point d'accès autre que la vedette principale. Ce niveau de traitement s'applique à tout document ne faisant pas partie de la bibliographie nationale, aux romans populaires en format de poche, aux documents éphémères, à toutes publications d'intérêt secondaire ainsi qu'à des manuels scolaires de moindre importance.

À l'exception des documents du CIP et du PSD ainsi que ceux faisant partie des collections spéciales de la Bibliothèque, tout document voit son niveau de traitement de catalogage révisé à la baisse au fil des ans. Des notices de catalogage dérivé seront utilisées au besoin pour les documents auxquels on a attribué le niveau de traitement le plus bas.

Les révisions des niveaux de traitement de catalogage visent à réduire le temps de traitement, à effectuer un catalogage uniforme et à jour, à assurer un accès continu aux documents, à minimiser les artères comme tenu des contraintes imposées par les réductions de personnel. La Bibliothèque nationale apporte ces modifications dans le but de mieux répondre aux besoins des bibliothèques canadiennes concernant le respect des délais dans les produits de catalogage. La Bibliothèque nationale étudiera l'incidence du système révisé des niveaux de catalogage au cours de l'année prochaine.

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NEB TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON WESTCOAST TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) of Vancouver for tolls the company may charge on its natural gas transmission system, effective 1 January 1996.

The hearing will commence on Monday, 11 March 1996 at 9 a.m. at the Sheraton Landmark Hotel, 1400 Robson Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Persons wishing to intervene are required to do so by 30 January 1996.

In its application, dated 8 December 1995, Westcoast is requesting, for a typical service movement to the export point near Huntingdon, British Columbia, an overall toll increase of approximately 17 per cent over tolls charged in 1995. Pending a final toll decision, the Board has approved an interim toll increase of nine per cent, effective 1 January 1996.

Westcoast operates a natural gas gathering, processing and transmission pipeline system extending from points in British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories to a point on the international boundary near Huntingdon, British Columbia.

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NEB PREPUBLISHES AMENDMENTS TO ITS PART VI REGULATIONS

CALGARY - On 13 January 1996 amendments to the *National Energy Board's Part VI Regulations* were re-published in Part I of the *Canada Gazette*. The need for the amendments resulted from changes in the regulation of energy exports. These include the Board's decision concerning Market-Based Procedure and the Board's actions following the 1990 amendments to its Act regarding the regulation of electricity.

Revisions to the Part VI Regulations were initially pre-published in Part I the *Canada Gazette* on 6 May 1995. Interested parties were invited to provide comments. Comments were received in which further modifications to the Regulations were requested. The Board considered these and has modified, in part, the originally proposed amendments.

The major new amendments to the Regulations are in the area of gas supply information. The Board has decided to reduce the level of supply information required to be filed in support of an export licence application. Also, the requirement to file changes to gas supply arrangements supporting an approved export licence, as was provided in the 6 May 1995 version of the Regulations, has been removed.

The Board is currently distributing copies of the revised amendments, now entitled *National Energy Board Part VI (Oil and Gas) Regulations*, for additional comment. Anyone wishing to comment on these should file 20 copies with the Board by 14 February 1996.

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NEB APPROVES APPLICATIONS FOR THE EXPORT OF NATURAL GAS

Calgary - The National Energy Board approved today three applications to export natural gas and one application to extend an existing licence to export natural gas. The Board approved the export of some 7.0 billion cubic metres (248.6 billion cubic feet) of natural gas for periods ranging from two to 16 years.

The Board held a public hearing on the applications on 14 November 1995 in Calgary.

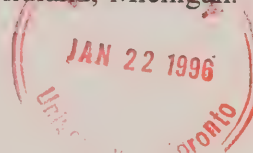
The Board approved the applications described below.

Altresco Pittsfield, L.P. was issued a 16-year licence to export some 895 000 cubic metres (31.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Niagara Falls, Ontario. The natural gas will be used to fuel Altresco's cogeneration facility in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. The applicant will be purchasing its natural gas from Talisman Energy Inc. and Home Oil Company Limited's corporate supply pools.

Crestar Energy was issued a five-year licence to export some 180 000 cubic metres (6.3 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Monchy, Saskatchewan. The natural gas will be sold to Northern States Power, a local distribution company in the state of Minnesota. The natural gas will be produced from Crestar's corporate supply pool.

Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. was issued a ten-year licence to export some 425 000 cubic metres (15 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Iroquois, Ontario. The natural gas will be utilized to serve markets currently under long-term contract to Enron. The natural gas will be purchased from the corporate supply pools of Conwest Exploration Company Limited, Czar Resources Ltd. and Orbit Oil & Gas Ltd.

The Board also approved an application from **Husky Oil Operations Ltd.** to extend an existing export licence by two years from 1 November 2004 to 31 October 2006. Under the existing licence Husky is authorized to export some 424 900 cubic metres (15.1 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Emerson, Manitoba to Midland Cogeneration Venture Limited Partnership which operates a cogeneration facility in Midland, Michigan. The natural gas will be produced from Husky's corporate supply pool.



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During the hearing, the Board also considered a joint application for an export licence from **Morgan Hydrocarbons Inc.** and **Coastal Gas Marketing Company**. In December 1995, the Board sent a letter to the applicants advising that the Board would hold the application in abeyance pending receipt of further information.

Morgan/Coastal had applied for a 10-year and six month licence to export some 283 300 cubic metres (10 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Iroquois, Ontario. The natural gas would be used by Coastal to serve its markets in the U.S. Northeast which consist primarily of local distribution companies, electric generation companies and industrial end users. The natural gas would be produced from Morgan's corporate supply pool.

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Exporter	Daily 10 ³ m ³ (MMcf)	Annual 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Term 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Duration
Altresco	895.0 (31.5)	326.7 (11.5)	4 844.3 (171.0)	Later of Governor in Council approval or 1 April 1996 and end on 31 October 2011
Crestar Energy	179.8 (6.3)	65.6 (2.3)	328.1 (11.6)	1 November 1996 to 31 October 2001
Enron	425.0 (15.0)	155.0 (5.5)	1 550.0 (55.0)	1 November 1996 to 31 October 2006
Husky (Extension to Licence GL-114	424.9 (15.1)	155.1 (5.5)	310.2 (11.0)	Extension from 1 November 2004 to 31 October 2006
Volumes applied-for by Morgan/Coastal	283.3 (10.0)	104.0 (3.7)	1 101.0 (41.2)	From 1 April 1996 to 31 October 2006

Measurements:

10 ³ m ³ :	Thousand cubic metres
10 ⁶ m ³ :	Million cubic metres
MMcf:	Million cubic feet
Bcf:	Billion cubic feet

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18 January 1996

NEB APPROVES APPLICATIONS FOR INTERPROVINCIAL AND WESTSPUR PIPE LINE APPLICATIONS FOR FACILITIES EXPANSION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has given its approval to applications from Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) of Edmonton, Alberta and Westspur Pipe Line Company Inc. (Westspur) of Regina, Saskatchewan to expand their pipeline systems.

IPL will be constructing pumping and associated facilities necessary to expand the capacity of its system to allow delivery of an incremental volume of approximately 18 900 cubic metres (120 000 barrels) per day. The company will also be installing two new tanks at its existing terminal locations, one at Hardisty, Alberta and one at Cromer, Manitoba. The company estimates the expansion will cost \$86 million. The planned in-service date is 31 December 1996.

Westspur will be constructing a 33.4 kilometre (21 mile) pipeline from its Steelman terminal in Saskatchewan to the international border near North Portal, Saskatchewan. At the international border, an interconnection will be made to a new segment of pipeline to be constructed by Portal Pipe Line Company. The expansion will also include pump unit additions and modifications to existing facilities at Westspur's Steelman pump station. The expansion will increase Westspur's capacity by 7 950 cubic metres (50 000 barrels) per day. Westspur estimates the expansion will cost \$5.25 million. The planned in-service date is the third quarter of 1996.

Since Westspur's application complements IPL's application, the Board considered the two applications together through a public hearing by way of written submissions.

IPL owns and operates an oil pipeline transportation system extending from Edmonton to the international boundary at Gretna, Manitoba and from the international boundary near Sarnia, Ontario to locations in Ontario and Quebec.

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Westspur owns and operates a pipeline system for the transportation of crude oil and natural gas liquids. The main trunk system consists of 300 kilometres (180 miles) of pipeline from Midale, Saskatchewan to Cromer, Manitoba.

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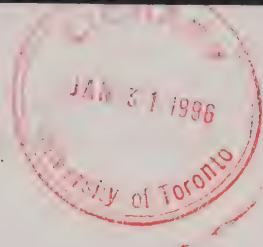
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NEB CANCELS TRANSCANADA PIPELINES TOLLS PHASE 2 HEARING AND REQUESTS A PUBLIC FORUM

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board, after seeking parties' views on how it should deal with the Settlement Agreement reached between TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary and a number of parties, has cancelled Phase 2 of the company's 1996 tolls hearing. The Board has requested TransCanada to hold a one-day public forum to allow parties to question the company on the proposed settlement. Subsequent to the forum, parties may submit final comments in writing to the Board.

The Board issued its Reasons for Decision on 28 December 1995 on Phase 1 of its hearing, in which it approved a number of tolls and tariff resolutions which had been resolved by the 1996 Tolls Task Force. The Board approved a revised "suite of services" which is used to calculate the Firm Service Tendered (FST) differential for 1996. The Board has approved revised interim tolls to be effective 1 January 1996 that reflect all Phase 1 decisions, a revised rate of return on common equity of 11.25 per cent, and the applied-for Settlement Agreement. Other issues related to TransCanada's 1996 tolls application were to be the subject of Phase 2 of the hearing.

Parties should in no way construe the inclusion of the applied-for Settlement Agreement in the revised interim tolls to be charged for 1996 as the Board having taken a final position with respect to the settlement or final tolls to be charged by TransCanada for 1996.

At the same time as its Phase 1 Reasons for Decision were issued, the Board asked for views of parties on the procedure to be followed in respect of an "Incentive Cost Recovery and Revenue Sharing Settlement" which applies to the determination of TransCanada's net revenue requirement and resulting tolls for the years 1996-1999 inclusive.

The Board has now asked TransCanada to organize a one-day public forum open to all parties and shippers for 29 January, the purpose of which will be to have the company provide a presentation on the Settlement Agreement. As part of the forum, the Board has also requested that a question and answer period be held.

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Parties wishing to attend the forum are to notify TransCanada by 23 January. Following the open forum, parties wishing to comment on the Settlement Agreement will have until 2 February to do so.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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NEB APPROVES NOVAGAS PESH CREEK PIPELINE APPLICATION

CALGARY --The National Energy Board has approved an application from Novagas Clearinghouse Pipelines Ltd. (NCPL) of Calgary to construct a new pipeline facility to carry natural gas from northeastern British Columbia to northwestern Alberta.

The applied-for facilities (referred to as the Pesh Creek Pipeline) consist of approximately 16.5 kilometres (10 miles) of 273.1 millimetre (10 inch) diameter pipe which will transport natural gas from a proposed separation, compression and metering facility in northeastern British Columbia (referred to as the Peggo facility) to a proposed NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. metering facility in northwestern Alberta.

The pipeline will have the capacity to deliver 1.7 million cubic metres (60 million cubic feet) per day of gas from gas fields in northeastern British Columbia to the proposed NOVA facility in Alberta.

NCPL estimates the capital cost of the project to be \$2.9 million. The company is planning an in-service date of 30 April 1996.

The approval follows a public hearing held 19 and 20 January 1996 in Calgary. The Reasons for Decision (GH-1-96) will be released at a later date.

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NEB UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING TO DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

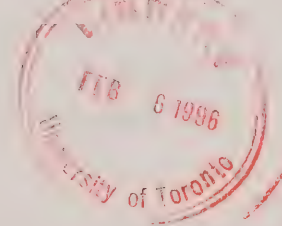
Calgary - The National Energy Board is considering holding its next public hearing on applications for natural gas export licences in May 1996.

The Board has given notice to all potential applicants that completed applications must be filed on or before 29 February 1996 in order to be included in the May proceeding. Following the 29 February 1996 filing deadline, the Board will issue its hearing order and directions on procedure for those applications which are to be included in the hearing.

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JOINT CPP INFORMATION PAPER RELEASED, PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS LAUNCHED

The treasurers and finance ministers of Canada, the provinces, and the territories today released the text of an information paper on the Canada Pension Plan at the conclusion of the second in a series of ministerial meetings to review the CPP.

The ministers announced that the paper will form the basis of federal/provincial consultations on the CPP to be held across Canada, beginning in mid-March. The views expressed through the consultations will guide Ministers as they consider changes to the Plan to ensure it can be sustained and will continue to provide pensions to Canadians in the future.

Quebec, which has its own plan, the Quebec Pension Plan, will conduct its own public consultations, within the province, in parallel with the consultations on the CPP.

The paper, *An Information Paper for Consultations on the Canada Pension Plan*, provides an overview of the CPP through a brief history and basic facts about the plan. It sets out the problems and challenges facing the plan today, in particular the issue of financing. Cost issues are examined and examples of changes that could reduce expenditures are explained.

The CPP is financed by contributions from workers and their employers and the self-employed. By law, every five years the CPP must be reviewed by federal and provincial ministers as joint stewards of the plan.

The 15th Statutory Actuarial Report on the CPP indicated that CPP expenditures are expected to be considerably higher in both the short and long terms than previously anticipated. The report predicted the current contribution rate of 5.6 per cent of average earnings would have to increase to 14.2 per cent by 2030 to finance the plan.

The CPP paper, which was finalized by ministers today, will be printed and available for public distribution by mid-February. Interested Canadians may obtain a copy on request from the federal Department of Finance or Human Resources Development Canada in Ottawa as well as from their provincial or territorial finance or treasury departments.

The paper will also be posted on Internet at <http://www.fin.gc.ca/>. Further details as well as a schedule of public consultations on the CPP will be announced shortly.

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NEB TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION BY TRANSCANADA PIPELINES TO CROSS THE ST. CLAIR RIVER IN ONTARIO

Calgary - The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing on an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary to cross the St. Clair River near Sarnia, Ontario.

The hearing will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 26 March 1996 at the London Convention Centre, 300 York Street, London, Ontario.

Persons wishing to intervene in the hearing are asked to do so by Monday, 26 February 1996.

TransCanada applied for approval to construct a 0.4 kilometre crossing of the St. Clair River near Sarnia, Ontario. The application includes the construction of a pig receiver at the Dawn - Tecumseh Sales Meter facility. The facilities would provide 3.3 million cubic metres (118 million cubic feet) per day of additional capacity on TransCanada's Dawn Extension and provide additional security in the event of loss of one of the existing crossings. The estimated cost of the facilities is \$4.18 million.

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22 February 1996

NEB APPROVES TRANSCANADA PIPELINES' INCENTIVE COST RECOVERY AND REVENUE SHARING SETTLEMENT

Calgary - The National Energy Board (the Board) has approved TransCanada PipeLines Limited's (TransCanada) *Incentive Cost Recovery and Revenue Sharing Settlement* (the Settlement) and a proposal for the disposition of the 1995 Stress Corrosion Cracking (SCC) Deferral Account. The Board considered these matters in Phase 2 of TransCanada's 1996 Tolls proceeding.

The Settlement will apply to the determination of the net revenue requirement utilized by TransCanada in the calculation of tolls for the transportation of natural gas on its system for the years 1996 to 1999. The Settlement provides additional incentive to manage costs, maximize discretionary revenue and generate increased earnings from TransCanada's pipeline operations. The Settlement allocates some of the pipeline's operating costs to an Incentive Cost Envelope. TransCanada and its shippers share any variances in the actual costs of this envelope on a 50/50 basis. The 1996 negotiated level for the Incentive Cost Envelope is \$678.8 million. The remaining costs are included in a Flow-Through Cost Envelope. Variances in this envelope flow through to the next year's cost of service.

The Board also approved the disposition of the balance of the 1995 SCC deferral account, together with carrying costs, on a 50/50 basis between TransCanada and its tollpayers.

The Board cancelled the oral hearing initially scheduled for Phase 2 of the TransCanada 1996 toll hearing. In its place, the Board requested that TransCanada hold an open forum to present the Settlement and provide parties an opportunity to question TransCanada on the Settlement. The open forum was held on 29 January 1996. No parties expressed opposition to the Settlement or the proposal for the disposition of the SCC deferral account.

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In December 1995, following an oral hearing that month, the Board issued its decision with respect to Phase 1 of the Hearing. In its decision, the Board approved a number of toll and tariff resolutions which had been resolved by the 1996 Tolls Task Force. The Board also approved a revised "suite of services" methodology to calculate the Firm Service Tendered Differential for 1996.

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NEB WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE'S SYSTEM EXPANSION PHASE II APPLICATION

Calgary - The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing on an application from Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (Interprovincial) for approval to expand its oil pipeline system.

The hearing will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 3 June 1996 in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

Persons wishing to intervene in the hearing are asked to do so by Tuesday, 5 March 1996.

Interprovincial is requesting authorization to construct approximately 148 kilometres (89 miles) of oil pipeline from a point near Edmonton to a point near Hardisty, Alberta. Interprovincial also proposes to replace 12 kilometres (7.2 miles) of pipeline at various locations between Hardisty and Herschel, Saskatchewan. It also proposes to add, modify and replace pumping units and to undertake other modifications to its system. Interprovincial states that the expansion would increase the capacity of its system to Chicago by approximately 19 600 cubic metres (120 000 barrels) per day. The estimated cost of the expansion is \$140 million. The expected in-service date is no later than the second half of 1998.

Interprovincial owns and operates an oil pipeline transportation system extending from Edmonton, Alberta to the international boundary at Gretna, Manitoba and from the international boundary near Sarnia, Ontario to locations in Ontario and Quebec.

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4 March 1996

NEB APPROVES WESTCOAST ENERGY INC.'S FORT ST. JOHN EXPANSION APPLICATION

Calgary - The National Energy Board has approved an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) to install two pipeline loops, construct a new Aitken Creek gas plant, three compressor unit additions and expand the Fort St. John Raw Gas Transmission system.

A public hearing on the application was held in Fort St. John and Vancouver between 6 February 1995 and 10 March 1995.

On 26 May 1995, a majority of the Hearing Panel decided that the Board did not have jurisdiction over the facilities in respect of which the application was made, except for the proposed loop of the Aitken Creek pipeline that would connect the new Aitken Creek plant with Westcoast's main transmission line. The application was accordingly dismissed. Westcoast appealed the Board's decision to the Federal Court of Appeal. On 9 February 1996, the Court set aside the decision of the Board declining jurisdiction and directed it to decide the application on its merits.

The new plant at Aitken Creek would be capable of processing 9.05 million cubic metres (320 million cubic feet) per day of raw gas. Aitken Creek is located 130 kilometres north of Fort St. John. The estimated cost of the proposed expansion is \$398 million.

The Board also approved Westcoast's request that the tolls for the services to be provided through the applied-for facilities be determined on a rolled-in basis.

The Board is aware that in the time between its May 1995 jurisdictional decision and the Federal Court of Appeal ruling which overturned it, a number of parties have given consideration to possible alternative approaches to the economic regulation of Westcoast's gathering and processing facilities.

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The Board wishes it to be known that it would be receptive to examining proposals for regulatory alternatives which might be put before it, possibly as a result of settlement negotiations between Westcoast's transmission division and the stakeholders in its regulated business.

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NEB TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON A COMPLAINT BY MORGAN HYDROCARBONS AND ON AN APPLICATION BY MANITO PIPELINE TO ABANDON A PIPELINE

Calgary - The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing on a complaint by Morgan Hydrocarbons Inc. (Morgan) regarding jurisdiction over pipeline facilities owned by Murphy Oil Company Ltd. (Murphy) and access to and the tolls on Manito Pipelines Ltd.'s (Manito) pipeline system which is operated by Murphy and regulated by the Board. At the same hearing, the Board will consider an application by Manito to abandon part of its pipeline.

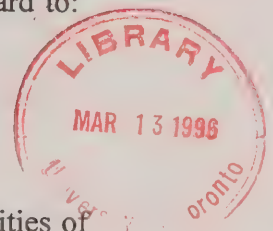
The hearing will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 21 May 1996 in the Board's hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W. Calgary, Alberta.

Persons wishing to intervene in the hearing are asked to do so by noon on Friday, 15 March 1996.

In December 1995, Morgan filed an application requesting that the Board assert jurisdiction over certain facilities owned by Murphy and seeking the establishment of fair, equitable and non-discriminatory terms for access to such facilities and just and reasonable tolls for their use. The application also constituted a complaint in respect of the tolls presently charged on the Manito system. In its application, among other things, Morgan asked the Board to:

- (a) assert jurisdiction over certain Murphy facilities;
- (b) set new tolls for Manito;
- (c) institute an investigation into the present restrictions on access to the facilities of Manito and Murphy;
- (d) direct Murphy to separate its transportation and merchant functions; and
- (e) regulate the Manito/Murphy companies as a Group 1 pipeline.

In January, the Board made Manito's tolls interim pending the Board's investigation into these matters.



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In January 1996, Manito applied for approval to abandon approximately 22 kilometres (13 miles) of pipeline on its system from Blackfoot, Alberta to Dulwich, Saskatchewan. The abandonment, if approved, could affect the Board's jurisdiction of the Manito system.

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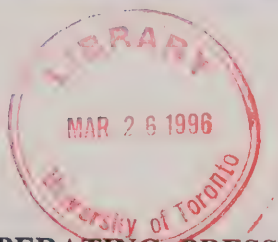
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15 March 1996

NEB DECIDES TO REDUCE OPERATING PRESSURE FOR INTERPROVINCIAL PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has directed Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. to reduce the operating pressure and pressure test certain portions of its pipeline system and to submit to the Board the results of the pressure testing program.

On 27 February 1996, a rupture occurred on Interprovincial's crude oil pipeline near Glenavon, Saskatchewan. This is the third line break on this pipeline near Glenavon in the past nine months, and the fourth since 1989. Corrosion has been identified as a factor in all four breaks.

To address safety and environmental concerns, the Board, after receiving submissions from Interprovincial, directed Interprovincial to:

- reduce the maximum operating pressure of Line 3 between Odessa Station in Saskatchewan and Cromer Station in Manitoba to 80% of the authorized maximum operating pressure;
- reduce the maximum operating pressure of Line 3 between Cromer Station and Souris Station in Manitoba to 95% of the authorized maximum operating pressure;
- pressure test Line 3 between Odessa Station and Cromer Station and file with the Board the results of the pressure testing program;
- submit a pipeline integrity evaluation that demonstrates to the Board that Line 3 will be safe to operate; and,
- file with the Board, by 29 March 1996, a plan and proposed timetable for implementing these directives.

The Board will consider removing the maximum operating pressure restrictions when it has received successful pressure test results and is satisfied that the pipeline is safe to operate at higher pressures.

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Interprovincial owns and operates an oil pipeline transportation system extending from Edmonton, Alberta to the international boundary at Gretna, Manitoba and from the international boundary near Sarnia, Ontario to locations in Ontario and Quebec.

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1 April 1996

NEB DENIES AN APPLICATION FOR THE EXPORT OF NATURAL GAS

Calgary - The National Energy Board has denied a joint application for a natural gas export licence from **Morgan Hydrocarbons Inc.** and **Coastal Gas Marketing Company**. The Board denied the application because **Morgan/Coastal** did not file sufficient information on gas supply to substantiate that it could accommodate the term of the export contract.

Morgan/Coastal had applied for a 10-year and six-month licence to export some 283 300 cubic metres (10 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day at Iroquois, Ontario. The natural gas would have been used by **Coastal** to serve its markets in the U.S. Northeast which consist primarily of local distribution companies, electric generation companies and industrial end users. The natural gas would have been produced from **Morgan's** corporate supply pool.

The Board held a public hearing on the application on 14 November 1995 in Calgary.

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NEB APPROVES MULTI-YEAR TOLL SETTLEMENT FOR TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPE LINE COMPANY LTD.

CALGARY — The National Energy Board has approved a negotiated settlement regarding an incentive toll methodology for Trans Mountain Pipe Line Company Ltd. (TMPL) of Vancouver.

TMPL filed an application on 29 January 1996 for approval of a settlement negotiated by the company, its principal shippers and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP). The approved settlement is based on incentive toll principles. The agreed-upon methodology forms the basis for the calculation of TMPL's revenue requirement for the years 1995-2000.

This is the third multi-year toll settlement placed before the Board for consideration. It features incentive elements whereby the pipeline and tollpayers share benefits associated with cost savings achieved by the pipeline. Similar negotiated settlements have been approved for TransCanada PipeLines of Calgary and Interprovincial Pipelines of Edmonton. TMPL and its shippers will share the benefits associated with greater use of pipeline capacity, improved cost efficiency and the shipment of new materials on the pipeline.

Trans Mountain owns and operates an oil pipeline transportation system in Alberta and British Columbia. It connects at the U.S. border with a pipeline system capable of delivering Canadian petroleum to refineries in Washington State.

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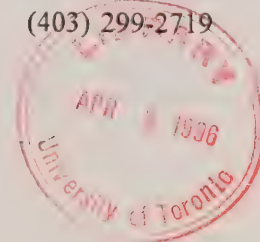
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NEB APPROVES 1996 TOLL SETTLEMENT FOR WESTCOAST ENERGY INC.

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved a negotiated settlement regarding new tolls to be charged by Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) of Vancouver for transportation of natural gas, effective 1 January 1996.

The settlement provides for a 1996 revenue requirement of \$509.7 million, which amounts to an estimated increase of 7.8% over 1995 tolls. The revenue requirement reflects the Board-approved rate of return on equity of 11.25% that was set for 1996 according to the adjustment mechanism contained in the Board's RH-2-94 Multi-Pipeline Cost of Capital decision.

Westcoast filed a letter on 18 January 1996 to advise the Board of a settlement negotiated by the company and certain interested parties. On 29 January 1996, the Company requested that the Board amend its interim tolls to reflect the terms of the settlement as well as the impact of not proceeding with its 1996 mainline looping projects.

On 6 February, the Board decided to adopt a written procedure to consider the settlement and cancelled the oral hearing dealing with Westcoast's 1996 tolls scheduled for March 1996. Interested persons were invited to comment on the settlement and no parties expressed opposition.

Westcoast operates a natural gas gathering and transmission pipeline system extending from points in British Columbia, Alberta, the Yukon and Northwest Territories to a point on the international boundary near Huntingdon, British Columbia.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS

Calgary - The National Energy Board has received eight applications for licences to export some 3.2 million cubic metres (110 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for periods ranging from five to 20 years.

The Board has received applications from:

- (a) Coastal Gas Marketing Company for export at Emerson, Manitoba to American Crystal Sugar Company of Minnesota and ProGold Limited Liability Company of North Dakota (Petro-Canada supply);
- (b) Coastal Gas Marketing Company for export at Emerson, Manitoba to American Crystal Sugar Company of Minnesota and ProGold Limited Liability Company of North Dakota (Morrison Petroleum Ltd. supply);
- (c) Coastal Gas Marketing Company for export at Chippawa, Ontario for Coastal's system supply to serve its U.S.Northeast market (Seven suppliers);
- (d) Coastal Gas Marketing Company for export at Iroquois, Ontario for Coastal's system supply to serve its U.S.Northeast market (Rio Alto Exploration Ltd. supply);
- (e) Renaissance Energy Ltd. for export to Iroquois Energy Brokers, LLC for resale to end use customers in the States of New York and Pennsylvania (Renaissance supply);
- (f) St. Lawrence Gas Company, Inc. for export at Cornwall and Iroquois, Ontario for system supply to serve its existing market in northern New York (TransCanada Gas Services supply);
- (g) Talisman Energy Inc. for export at Huntingdon, British Columbia for sale to Eastern Energy Marketing, Inc. to be used at the Glenss Ferry Cogeneration Project located at Glenss Ferry, Idaho (Talisman supply); and,

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- (h) Talisman Energy Inc. for export at Huntingdon, British Columbia for sale to Eastern Energy Marketing, Inc to be used at the Rupert Cogeneration Project located at Rupert, Idaho (Talisman supply).

The Board will announce at a later date how it will proceed to consider the applications.

NOTE TO EDITORS: See attached table for more information on the applications.

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Coastal/ American Crystal- ProGold (Morrison Supply)	199.1 (7.0)	73.0 (2.6)	800.0 (28.0)	1 Nov.1996 31 Oct. 2007
Coastal (Seven Suppliers)	1 367.5 (45.8)	500.0 (17.6)	5 500.0 (194.2)	1 Nov.1996 31 Oct. 2007
Coastal (Rio Alto Supply)	140.6 (5.0)	51.3 (1.8)	513.0 (18.1)	1 Nov.1997 31 Oct. 2007
Renaissance/ Iroquois Energy (Renaissance Supply)	281.9 (10.0)	102.9 (3.6)	514.5 (18.2)	1 Nov.1997 1 Nov. 2002
St. Lawrence Gas (TransCanada Gas Services Supply)	696.1 (24.6)	150.7 (5.3)	904.2 (31.9)	1 Nov.1996 31 Oct. 2002
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Talisman/ Rupert (Talisman Supply)	78.9 (2.8)	28.8 (1.0)	575.9 (20.3)	1 Jan. 1997 31 Dec. 2016

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NEB SCHEDULES HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FROM WESTCOAST TO PURCHASE PIPELINES AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES

Calgary - The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing on an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) to purchase and operate certain natural gas pipelines and associated facilities (known as the "Helmet/Peggo Facilities") in northeast British Columbia.

The hearing will commence on Monday, 17 June 1996 at 9:00 a.m. in the Landmark Hotel and Conference Centre, 1400 Robson Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Persons wishing to intervene in the hearing are asked to do so by noon on 1 May 1996.

Westcoast applied for approval to acquire from 3181782 Canada Inc. certain natural gas pipelines and associated facilities in the Helmet North, Midwinter and Peggo gas producing areas in northeast British Columbia and for a certificate to operate the facilities. The pipeline facilities in question consist of 46 segments of pipeline totalling 172.6 kilometres (107 miles). Westcoast also requested that the Board decide on the toll treatment regarding the purchase of the facilities. The estimated cost of the Helmet/Peggo facilities is \$30 million.



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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD RELEASES 1995 ANNUAL REPORT

Calgary - The Honourable A. Anne McLellan, Minister of Natural Resources yesterday tabled in Parliament the 1995 Annual Report of the National Energy Board.

The report reviews the Board's major regulatory activities, including decisions taken on natural gas, oil and electricity exports, pipeline construction, tolls and tariffs and certain frontier activities. It also provides an overview of the energy situation in Canada.

In its overview, the Board shows that Canadian energy exports increased by 10 percent in 1995. Natural gas exports were up 10 percent (79.3 billion cubic metres (2.8 trillion cubic feet)) and crude oil seven percent (167 000 cubic metres per day (1 052 100 barrels per day)). However, electricity exports decreased by 10 percent in 1995 to 40.5 terrawatt hours. The value of gas, oil and electricity exports is estimated to be \$16.9 billion compared with \$16.3 billion in 1994.

In early 1995, the Board issued a decision establishing the cost of capital for major pipelines on a generic basis, with provision for automatic annual adjustment of the rate of return on equity.

Also, the Board approved the first negotiated toll settlement for Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. which formed the basis for calculating revenue requirement for an indefinite period and which established parameters to calculate the revenue requirement and the resulting tolls for 1995 to 1999, inclusive. TransCanada PipeLines Limited, Trans Mountain Pipe Line Limited and Westcoast Energy Inc. also filed multi-year negotiated settlements that were later approved in 1996.

In August 1995, the Board commenced a wide-ranging public inquiry on the occurrence of Stress Corrosion Cracking (SCC) on Canadian oil and gas pipelines. SCC involves a complex process which can result in the formation of cracks on the surface of a buried pipeline. In severe cases, the pipeline can fail if the cracking goes undetected for several years. The inquiry is ongoing.

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The Chairman indicates in the Annual Report that environmental assessment and protection is another area where the Board has intensified its efforts, incorporating the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (the CEA Act) into its procedures. An agreement was signed with the Minister of the Environment to conduct a joint panel review for the Express Pipeline Project. In addition, an agreement for a joint (multi-jurisdictional) panel to carry out the review of the proposed Sable Gas Project was drafted.

The Board reports that it has been streamlining its business and regulating more effectively. As a result, the total budget decreased from \$32.0 million in the 1993-1994 fiscal year, to \$30.9 million in 1994-1995 with an estimated further reduction to \$30.3 for 1995-1996. The Board recovers approximately 85 percent of its costs from the regulated industry.

The Annual Report also includes the conclusion of an analysis of turn-around times (cycle times) on public hearing applications. In summary, for all natural gas export, facilities and tolls and tariff hearings, the overall average cycle time has declined to 23 weeks for 1995 from 29 weeks overall for the period 1991-94, a reduction of approximately 20 percent. The Board states that it will continue its efforts to reduce cycle times, where reductions can be made without compromising the fairness and integrity of Board proceedings.

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NEB ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRANSCANADA PIPELINES 1997/1998 FACILITIES APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for the company's 1997/1998 facilities.

The hearing will begin on Monday, 22 July 1996 at a location to be determined.

Persons wishing to intervene should do so by Friday, 17 May 1996.

TransCanada is applying to the Board to add approximately 61.8 kilometres (38.6 miles) of pipeline looping, three 28.3 megawatt compressor units and a 2.2 megawatt compressor unit upgrade to its existing system in the provinces of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. The proposed facilities would enable TransCanada to provide incremental natural gas services totalling approximately 3.6 million cubic metres (126.3 million cubic feet) per day for both domestic and export markets. The estimated cost of the new facilities is \$263.6 million. Construction is scheduled for 1997 with 43.7 kilometres (27.3 miles) of pipeline looping planned to be in service by 1 April 1997 and the remainder by 1 November 1997.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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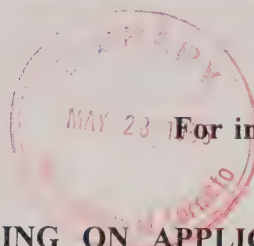
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NEB WILL HOLD A WRITTEN PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS

Calgary - The National Energy Board will hold a written public hearing on eight applications for licences to export some 3.3 million cubic metres (116.4 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for periods ranging from five to 20 years.

Any person wishing to intervene in the hearing must file an intervention by 29 May 1996.

The applications to be considered are from the following companies:

- (a) Coastal Gas Marketing Company for export at Emerson, Manitoba to American Crystal Sugar Company of Minnesota and ProGold Limited Liability Company of North Dakota (Petro-Canada supply);
- (b) Coastal Gas Marketing Company for export at Emerson, Manitoba to American Crystal Sugar Company of Minnesota and ProGold Limited Liability Company of North Dakota (Morrison Petroleum Ltd. supply);
- (c) Coastal Gas Marketing Company for export at Chippawa, Ontario for Coastal's system supply to serve its U.S. Northeast market (seven suppliers);
- (d) Morgan Hydrocarbons Inc. and Coastal Gas Marketing Company, in a joint application, for export at Iroquois, Ontario for Coastal's system supply to serve its U.S. Northeast market (Morgan supply). In February, following a public hearing in November 1995, the Board denied this application because Morgan/Coastal did not file sufficient information on gas supply to substantiate that it could accommodate the term of the export contract. The applicants subsequently filed a revised application;
- (e) Renaissance Energy Ltd. for export to Iroquois Energy Brokers, LLC for resale to end use customers in the States of New York and Pennsylvania (Renaissance supply);
- (f) St. Lawrence Gas Company, Inc. for export at Cornwall and Iroquois, Ontario for system supply to serve its existing market in northern New York (TransCanada Gas Services supply);



- (g) Talisman Energy Inc. for export at Huntingdon, British Columbia for sale to Eastern Energy Marketing, Inc. to be used at the Glenns Ferry Cogeneration Project located at Glenns Ferry, Idaho (Talisman supply); and,
- (h) Talisman Energy Inc. for export at Huntingdon, British Columbia for sale to Eastern Energy Marketing, Inc to be used at the Rupert Cogeneration Project located at Rupert, Idaho (Talisman supply).

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NOTE TO EDITORS: See attached table for more information on the applications.

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Coastal/Am. Crystal - ProGold (Morrison supply)	199.1 (7.0)	73.0 (2.6)	730.0 (25.5)	1 Nov.1997 31 Oct. 2007
Coastal/Coastal (Seven suppliers)	1 367.5 (48.3)	500.0 (17.7)	5 000.0 (177.0)	1 Nov.1997 31 Oct. 2007
Morgan/Coastal (Morgan supply)	283.3 (10.0)	104.0 (3.7)	1 040.0 (37.0)	1 Nov. 1996 31 Oct. 2006
Renaissance/Iroquois Energy (Renaissance supply)	281.9 (10.0)	102.9 (3.6)	514.5 (18.2)	1 Nov.1997 1 Nov. 2002
St. Lawrence/St. Lawrence (TransCanada Gas supply)	696.1 (24.6)	150.7 (5.3)	904.2 (31.9)	1 Nov.1996 31 Oct. 2002
Talisman/Glenns Ferry (Talisman supply)	74.7 (2.6)	27.3 (1.0)	545.5 (19.3)	1 Jan. 1997 31 Dec. 2016
Talisman/Rupert (Talisman supply)	78.9 (2.8)	28.8 (1.0)	575.9 (20.3)	1 Jan. 1997 31 Dec. 2016
Total	3 295.0 (116.4)	1 101.1 (38.9)	10 454.1 (333.6)	

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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD RELEASES DRAFT OFFSHORE WASTE TREATMENT GUIDELINES, 1996

Calgary - The National Energy Board has released draft Offshore Waste Treatment Guidelines, 1996 for public review and comment. Interested persons are asked to provide the Board with their comments on the Guidelines by 7 June 1996.

The Offshore Waste Treatment Guidelines, 1996 outline recommended practices and standards for the treatment and disposal of wastes from petroleum drilling and production operations in Canada's offshore areas. The Guidelines were prepared jointly by the National Energy Board, the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board and the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board with the assistance of a government/industry committee established for this purpose. The Guidelines will be applied by these Boards and their respective Chief Conservation Officers in making decisions related to waste treatment and disposal.

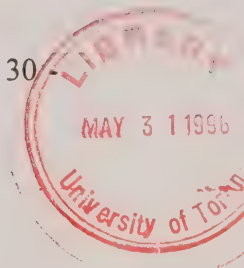
The Offshore Waste Treatment Guidelines, 1996 are available in both official languages and can be obtained from the Board upon request.

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16 May 1996

NEB ANNOUNCES NEW TOLLS FOR TRANS QUÉBEC & MARITIMES PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved new tolls that Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc. (TQM) of Montreal may charge on its natural gas transmission system, effective 1 January 1996.

TQM's application was based on a deemed common equity ratio of 30% and a rate of return on common equity of 11.25% for 1996 that was determined in accordance with the Board's first adjustment resulting from its Multi-Pipeline Cost of Capital decision (RH-2-94).

The Board approved a net revenue requirement for TQM of \$66,721,000 for 1996, which is \$82,000 less than applied-for. The Board also approved a rate base of \$307,309,000 for 1996.

TQM's application was subject to a public hearing by way of written submission which was conducted between November 1995 and April 1996.

TQM is jointly owned by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary and Société en commandite Gaz Métropolitain of Montreal. The Company's pipeline system extends from a point of interconnection with the TransCanada system at Saint-Lazare, Quebec to a point on the South Shore of Quebec City at Bernières, Quebec.

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JOINT REVIEW PANEL FOR EXPRESS PIPELINE PROJECT RELEASES REPORT, RECOMMENDS GO-AHEAD

CALGARY -- The Express Pipeline Project Joint Review Panel today made public its report and recommended that the project be allowed to proceed under conditions outlined in its report. The panel, after considering all relevant information, the applicant's proposed mitigation measures and the incorporation of the report's recommendations, is of the view that the Express Pipeline Project is not likely to cause significant environmental effects. The report was submitted last week to the federal ministers of Natural Resources and of the Environment.

The panel made 39 recommendations to address major concerns associated with wildlife, the preservation of rare plants and other major issues.

The report is the result of a review conducted under the *National Energy Board Act* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), of an application by Express Pipeline Ltd. (Express) to construct and operate an oil transmission line from Hardisty, Alberta to the international border near Wild Horse, Alberta and for related toll and tariff authorizations. The review was carried out in accordance with an agreement between the National Energy Board and the federal Minister of the Environment. The Joint Review Panel consisted of two permanent NEB members and two temporary members nominated by the Minister of the Environment. The public hearing was held in Calgary from 15 January to 7 March 1996.

The Canadian portion of the proposed Express Pipeline would consist of approximately 435 kilometres (270 miles) of 610 millimetre (24 inch) diameter pipeline extending south from Hardisty, Alberta to the international border near Wild Horse, Alberta, as well as associated terminaling, storage, and pumping facilities (at an estimated total cost of about \$196 million). On the U.S. side, the pipeline would continue across the State of Montana and terminate near Casper, Wyoming. The pipeline is planned to have an initial capacity of approximately 27 000 cubic metres (170,000 barrels) of crude oil per day. Linefill is proposed to take place by December 1996.

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Express is owned equally by Alberta Energy Company Ltd. of Edmonton and TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary.

The Board must still issue its Reasons for Decision on the Express Pipeline Project.

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NEB PROPOSES A PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH CRUDE OIL AND EQUIVALENT EXPORT LICENCE APPLICATIONS

Calgary - The National Energy Board is seeking the views of interested parties on the appropriateness of changing its licensing procedures for exports of crude oil and equivalent. In a letter dated 5 February 1996, the Minister of Natural Resources Canada, the Honourable A. Anne McLellan, asked that the Board develop for her consideration a market-based procedure for the review of oil export licence applications, similar to that currently used for natural gas or electricity.

The Board, having regard to the characteristics of crude oil supply and markets and to the economic interest of Canadian crude oil producers and consumers, is of the view that the Fair Market Access (FMA) model used for electricity is well suited to the licensing of crude oil exports. Under an FMA procedure for crude oil, interested Canadian refiners and marketers should have a fair opportunity to purchase Canadian crude oil supplies on similar terms and conditions as are made available to export customers. Canadian refiners and marketers are well-placed to assess future requirements of Canadian markets. If the Canadian buyers are not interested in purchasing crude oil intended for long-term export, the crude oil can be deemed to be surplus to Canadian needs.

To facilitate interested parties in the preparation of submissions, the Board has issued a report entitled "Proposed Procedure for Dealing With Crude Oil and Equivalent Export Licence Applications". The Board is asking that interested parties wishing to comment on the proposed procedure file a letter of intent with the Board by 7 June 1996. Thereafter, comments of interested parties must be filed with the Board by 12 July 1996 and reply comments are to be filed by 2 August 1996.

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NEB APPROVES AN APPLICATION BY TRANSCANADA PIPELINES TO CROSS THE ST. CLAIR RIVER IN ONTARIO

Calgary - The National Energy Board has approved an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary to cross the St. Clair River near Sarnia, Ontario. The Board held a public hearing on the application on 26 and 27 March 1996 in London, Ontario.

The Board approved the construction of a 0.4 kilometre pipeline and a pig receiver at the Dawn - Tecumseh Sales Meter facility. The facilities will provide 3.3 million cubic metres (118 million cubic feet) per day of additional capacity on TransCanada's Dawn Extension and provide additional security in the event of loss of one of the existing crossings. The estimated cost of the facilities is \$4.18 million.

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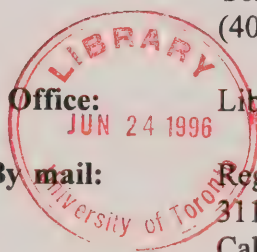
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NEB RELEASES A REPORT ON NATURAL GAS RESOURCE ASSESSMENT OF THE SOUTHEAST YUKON AND SOUTHERN NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Calgary - The National Energy Board released a report today entitled *A Natural Gas Resource Assessment of the Southeast Yukon and Southern Northwest Territories*. The study assesses the geology, resource potential and associated supply costs for undiscovered gas resources in an area of current exploration interest.

The study area is enclosed by longitudes 114° to 125° west and latitudes 59° to 63° north covering an area of some 20 million hectares, overlying a continuation of the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin. In order to assemble sufficient data it was necessary to expand the study area south of the territorial boundary to include the information on the geology and discoveries in northern Alberta and British Columbia.

In the study area to date, over 800 exploratory wells have been drilled and over 200,000 kilometres of seismic have been shot, resulting in 227 gas discoveries containing marketable gas reserves of 175.6 billion cubic metres (6.2 trillion cubic feet), 17 percent of which has been found in 23 significant discoveries north of 60°. The study indicates a total undiscovered potential of 289.0 billion cubic metres (10.2 trillion cubic feet) of marketable natural gas, of which 170.0 billion cubic metres (6.0 trillion cubic feet) is expected to be north of 60°. This is an increase of 140 billion cubic metres (4.9 trillion cubic feet) from the Board's previous estimate.

The study has identified 23 separate natural gas plays within the study area: ten can be described as "established" (those with more than six discoveries) and 13 plays can be described as "immature" (less than six discoveries) or "conceptual" (no discoveries).

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The supply cost analysis of the ten established plays indicates that about 28.3 billion cubic metres (1.0 trillion cubic feet), or 20 percent of the estimated undiscovered marketable gas resources, could be recovered at prices up to \$70.00 per thousand cubic metres (\$2.00 per thousand cubic feet) at the U.S. border export point in either southern Alberta or British Columbia.

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24 June 1996

NEB APPROVES EXPRESS PIPELINE PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application from Express Pipeline Ltd. of Calgary (Express) to construct and operate a new crude oil transmission pipeline in southern Alberta.

The decision follows a public hearing in Calgary from 15 January to 7 March 1996 and acceptance by the Government of Canada of the report from a Joint Review Panel containing 39 recommendations concerning the project. These recommendations primarily addressed major issues associated with wildlife, fisheries, vegetation and other environmental matters. All of these recommendations are contained in the Board's decision as conditions to be followed by Express.

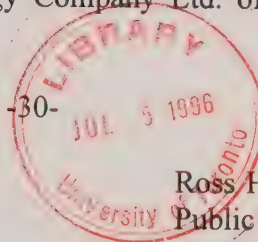
The project would involve the construction of approximately 435 kilometres (270 miles) of 610 millimetre (24 inch) diameter pipeline extending south from Hardisty, Alberta to the international border near Wild Horse, Alberta, as well as associated terminalling, storage and pumping facilities (at an estimated cost of about \$207 million). On the U.S. side, a connecting pipeline would continue across the State of Montana and terminate near Casper, Wyoming. The Express Pipeline is planned to have an initial capacity of approximately 27 400 cubic metres (172,000 barrels) per day, with linefill expected to take place by December 1996.

The Board has also found that a market-based toll methodology (rather than a cost-of-service methodology) is appropriate and has found that Express should be designated as a Group 2 company for purposes of toll and tariff regulation.

Express is owned equally by Alberta Energy Company Ltd. of Edmonton and TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary.

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NEB APPROVES MULTI-YEAR TOLL SETTLEMENT FOR TRANS - NORTHERN PIPELINES INC.

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has approved a negotiated settlement regarding an incentive toll methodology for Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc. (TNPI) of Toronto.

TNPI filed an application on 22 April 1996 for approval of an incentive toll settlement and associated orders. On 9 May 1996, the Board decided to adopt a written procedure to consider the settlement reached between Trans-Northern and its shippers. No parties expressed opposition. The agreed-upon methodology forms the basis for the calculation of TNPI's revenue requirement for the years 1996 onward. TNPI and its shippers will share the benefits associated with greater use of pipeline capacity and improved cost efficiency.

Trans-Northern owns and operates an oil products pipeline between Nanticoke, Ontario and Montreal, Quebec.

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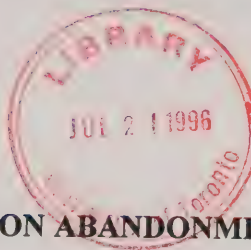
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10 July 1996

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NEB TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON ABANDONMENT OF THE YUKON PIPELINE

Calgary - The National Energy Board will hold an oral public hearing on an application by Yukon Pipelines Limited to abandon its products pipeline system in British Columbia and Yukon. In its application and in supplementary submissions filed with the Board, Yukon Pipelines proposes to clean and remove the pipeline, tanks and associated facilities and to conduct site assessments to determine the extent of any necessary site remedial work.

The hearing will commence on Monday, 19 August 1996 at 9:00 a.m. in Whitehorse, Yukon in the General Store Room of the Gold Rush Inn.

Persons wishing to participate in the hearing are required to write to the Secretary of the National Energy Board by noon on 25 July 1995.

Yukon Pipelines applied on 12 July 1995 to abandon the 144.5-kilometre (90 miles) Canadian section of the 177-kilometre long (110 miles) pipeline which extends from a point on the international boundary between British Columbia and Alaska, U.S.A. to Whitehorse, Yukon. The facilities also consist of a tank farm located in Whitehorse and a pump station, previously deactivated, located near Carcross, Yukon.

Yukon Pipeline's system was part of an extensive northern pipeline system, commonly referred to as the Canol pipeline, which was built by the United States Army in 1942 as part of the war effort. Following World War II, the portion of the Canol pipeline between Whitehorse, Yukon and Skagway, Alaska remained in operation transporting refined petroleum products.

With the promulgation of the National Energy Board Act in 1959, the Canadian portion of Yukon Pipelines' system came under the jurisdiction of the Board. In October 1994, Yukon Pipelines' system was deactivated and, in mid-1995, it was cleaned in preparation for abandonment and removal. Petroleum products which were transported by the Yukon Pipelines system are now trucked into the Yukon.

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NEB TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION BY WESTCOAST ENERGY TO UPGRADE FORT ST. JOHN FACILITIES

Calgary - The National Energy Board will hold a public hearing on an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) of Vancouver to upgrade existing facilities and install new facilities.

The hearing will commence on Tuesday, 6 August 1996 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board's Hearing Room on the third floor at 311 - Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary.

Persons wishing to participate in the hearing are required to write to the Secretary of the National Energy Board by 4:30 p.m. on 22 July 1996.

Westcoast applied for approval to upgrade its existing facilities, install new facilities and change system operating procedures to facilitate an increase of approximately 3.8 million cubic metres (135.4 million cubic feet) per day of raw gas transmission on the Fort St. John Raw Gas Transmission system and an increase of 2.6 million cubic metres (92.7 million cubic feet) per day of gas treatment at the McMahon Treatment Plant. Westcoast also applied for a change to the Tariff to reflect the higher receipt pressures necessary to handle the increased volumes of raw gas transmission. The estimated cost of the project is \$3.6 million.

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17 July 1996

NEB APPROVES INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE'S EXPANSION APPLICATION

Calgary - The National Energy Board has approved an application by Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. to expand its pipeline system.

The Board approved the construction of approximately 148 kilometres (89 miles) of oil pipeline from a point near Edmonton to a point near Hardisty, Alberta. The Board also approved the replacement of 12 kilometres (7.2 miles) of pipeline at various locations between Hardisty and Herschel, Saskatchewan, the addition, modification and replacement of pumping units and other modifications to Interprovincial's system. The expansion will increase the capacity of Interprovincial's system to Chicago by approximately 19 600 cubic metres (123 000 barrels) per day. The estimated cost of the expansion is \$140 million. The expected in-service date is the second half of 1998.

Before the hearing, Interprovincial filed details of a Risk Sharing Agreement which it had negotiated with the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers. The Agreement modified the tolling treatment of the expansion facilities in order to share the risk of under-utilization between Interprovincial and its shippers.

The Board considered the application at a public hearing held from 3 to 7 June 1996 in Calgary.

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NEB PUBLIC HEARING TO DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board is considering holding its next public hearing on applications for natural gas export licences in November 1996.

The Board has given notice to all potential applicants that completed applications must be filed on or before 29 August 1996 in order to be included in the November proceeding. Following the 29 August 1996 filing deadline, the Board will issue its hearing order and directions on procedure for those applications which are to be included in the hearing.

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NEB APPROVES APPLICATION FROM WESTCOAST TO PURCHASE PIPELINES AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES

Calgary - The National Energy Board has approved an application by Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) to purchase and operate certain natural gas pipelines and associated facilities (known as the "Helmet/Peggo Facilities" and "the Hunter Facilities") in northeast British Columbia.

The Board approved Westcoast's application to acquire from 3181782 Canada Inc. certain natural gas pipelines and associated facilities in the Helmet North, Midwinter and Peggo gas producing areas in northeast British Columbia and a certificate to operate the facilities. The Helmet/Peggo Facilities consist of 45 segments of pipeline totalling 173 kilometres (107 miles) and six compressor stations. The estimated cost of the Helmet/Peggo Facilities is \$30 million. The Hunter Facilities consists of three pipeline segments totalling 8.8 kilometres (5.5 miles) connected to the Helmet/Peggo Facilities. The estimated cost of the Hunter Facilities is \$666,000.

The Board decided that 46.7 percent of the costs associated with Helmet/Peggo and Hunter Facilities should be rolled-in Westcoast's Zone 1 tolls and that the Company should recover the remaining 53.3 percent of the costs through the contractual surcharge arrangements that were negotiated with the Helmet/Peggo shippers.

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NEB APPROVES AN APPLICATION BY MANITO PIPELINES TO ABANDON A PIPELINE

Calgary - The National Energy Board has approved an application by Manito Pipelines Ltd. (Manito) to abandon part of its pipeline system.

The Board approved the abandonment of approximately 21 kilometres (13 miles) of pipeline from Blackfoot, Alberta to Dulwich, Saskatchewan. Manito maintained that this portion of its pipeline was no longer economically viable to operate. Upon finalization of the abandonment, the remainder of Manito's pipeline from Dulwich to Kerrobert, Saskatchewan will no longer be under the Board's jurisdiction.

The Manito pipeline system is 182.7-kilometre (113 miles) long. It is used to transport heavy crude oil from Blackfoot to Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc.'s system at Kerrobert. In 1971, construction of the original pipeline from Dulwich to Kerrobert was completed in the province of Saskatchewan under provincial jurisdiction. In 1976, the Dulwich to Blackfoot extension was built and the entire pipeline came under the Board's jurisdiction.

The Board considered the application at a public hearing held from 21 to 24 May 1996 in Calgary.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: See attached map of Manito's system and other pipelines in the vicinity.

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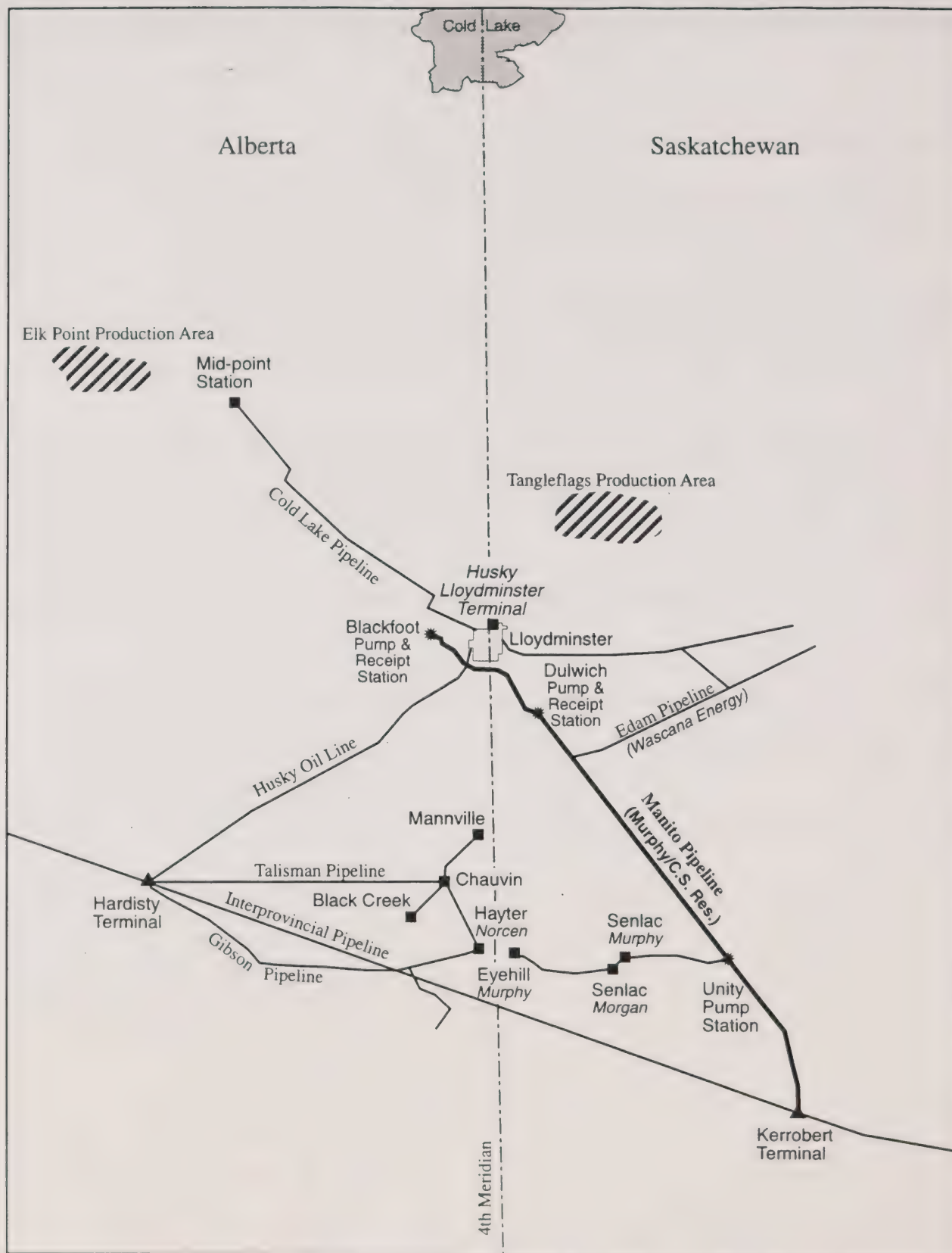
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Manito Pipeline System and Other Pipelines in Vicinity



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NEB CANCELS PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION BY WESTCOAST TO UPGRADE FORT ST. JOHN FACILITIES

Calgary - The National Energy Board announced today that an agreement has been reached between Westcoast Energy Inc., Canwest Gas Supply Inc., B.C. Star Partners Inc. and ENCO Gas Ltd. concerning receipt point pressures on part of the Fort St. John Raw Gas Transmission system. In light of the agreement on this issue, the Board has decided to cancel the oral hearing which was scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 6 August 1996. Accordingly, the Board hereby revokes Hearing Order GH-4-96 and Amending Order AO-1-GH-4-96.

Further consideration of this application will be conducted by way of a written proceeding. All information filed to date will remain as part of the record and will be considered in the evaluation of this application.

Interested parties will have until noon, 7 August 1996 to file with the Board, and serve on Westcoast, any further comments on this application.

Westcoast applied for approval to upgrade its existing facilities, install new facilities and change system operating procedures to facilitate an increase of approximately 3.8 million cubic metres (135.4 million cubic feet) per day of raw gas transmission on the Fort St. John Raw Gas Transmission system and an increase of 2.6 million cubic metres (92.7 million cubic feet) per day of gas treatment at the McMahon Treatment Plant. Westcoast also applied for a change to the Tariff to reflect the higher receipt pressures necessary to handle the increased volumes of raw gas transmission. The estimated cost of the project is \$3.6 million.

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NEB SEEKS VIEWS ON INTERVENOR FUNDING OPTIONS

CALGARY -- The Minister of Natural Resources, the Honourable A. Anne McLellan, has asked the National Energy Board to seek views on its study on intervenor funding for persons participating in the Board's proceedings. She asked the Board to report to her on these views and any alternatives to the Board's recommended option that may be suggested.

In December, the Minister asked the Board to examine possibilities for providing financial assistance to intervenors participating in the Board's proceedings, within the present legislative framework, especially where landowners' interests are directly affected.

In a study dated March, 1996, the Board has identified an option that could be implemented by Parliament and the Board. That option would consist of an intervenor funding program established through spending authority enacted by Parliament. This would provide a funding mechanism and allow for specific intervenor funding decisions to be made by the Board. Monies disbursed through the program would be recovered through the Board's cost recovery mechanism. The Board said in its report that, despite some administrative complexities, this is a workable flexible option for implementing intervenor funding, in the absence of specific legislation. The Board also said in its report that a substantial degree of public and industry consultation will be necessary for the implementation phase of NEB intervenor funding.

In a letter dated 24 July 1996, the Minister authorized release of the study and asked that the Board seek views on it and its recommended option, and report back to her on such views, including any alternatives suggested that would modify or supplement the options the Board has identified. In her letter, Minister McLellan said that "Independent of the Board's study, I have encouraged the natural gas pipeline and producer industries to examine voluntary measures for resolving issues affecting landowners and other parties who are affected by pipeline projects."

In response to the Minister's letter, the Board today released its study and asked interested persons to comment on the Board's study by 9 September 1996.

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BACKGROUND

NEB Budget Based Recommendation

During its examination of methods of providing intervenor funding, the Board narrowed down the options into three groupings: voluntary options which can be implemented by the energy industry; statutory options which exist under other Federal legislation; and a federal budget based option which can be implemented under the *National Energy Board Act*, the *Financial Administration Act* and an appropriation act.

The Board concluded that a federal budgetary approach to intervenor funding could be the basis of an intervenor funding program administered by the Board. Thus, the Board would provide intervenor funding where: the intervenor could not afford to pay for the necessary services to present its case before the Board, and recourse was not available to other sources of funding. Intervenor funding from the Board would consist of the following:

- spending authority enacted through the departmental estimates by Parliament in an appropriations act;
- administrative rules to be made by the Board pursuant to section 8¹ of the *National Energy Board Act* (NEB Act);
- delegation of the approval function by the Board to an officer who would not be associated with the specific regulatory process for which intervenor funding is sought;
- appointment of outside advisors by the Governor in Council pursuant to section 10² of the NEB Act to screen intervenor funding applications;

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¹Section 8 The Board may make rules respecting

- (a) the sittings of the Board;
- (b) the procedure for making applications, representations and complaints to the Board and the conduct of hearings before the Board, and generally the manner of conducting any business before the Board;
- (c) the apportionment of the work of the Board among its members, and the assignment of members to sit at hearings and to preside thereat; and
- (d) generally, the carrying on of the work of the Board, the management of its internal affairs and the duties of its officers and employees. R.S., c. N-6, s. 7.

²Section 10 The Governor in Council may appoint and fix remuneration of experts or persons having technical or special knowledge to assist the Board in any matter in an advisory capacity, R.S., c. N-6, s.9.

- enactment of appropriate amendments to the *National Energy Board Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1995* to set out the information requirements and forms for making applications to the Board for intervenor funding;
- actual disbursement of funds in accordance with a contribution agreement under the *Financial Administration Act* or an agreement for which legal authority exists pursuant to the NEB Act;
- subsequent recovery of all intervenor funding expenditures made by the Board from companies subject to the continuing jurisdiction of the Board pursuant to the *National Energy Board Cost Recovery Regulations*;
- post-hearing auditing of expenditures made by intervenors pursuant to contribution agreements or agreements made under statutory authority to ensure that monies provided to intervenors have been expended prudently and for the purpose for which they were provided.

Should government policy determine that it would be desirable to implement intervenor funding, Parliament must consider and enact expenditure authority in an appropriations act. Following such an enactment the Board could proceed to launch an intervenor funding program by creation of the necessary administrative and policy instruments.

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NEB ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRANSCANADA PIPELINES' REVISED 1997/1998 FACILITIES APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing a revised application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for the company's proposed 1997/1998 facilities expansion.

The hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. local time on Monday, 7 October 1996 at the Delta Winnipeg Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba. If not completed in the first week, the hearing will reconvene in the Board's Hearing Room in Calgary, Alberta on Wednesday, 16 October 1996, at 9:00 a.m. local time.

Persons wishing to intervene should do so by Friday, 30 August 1996.

In an application dated 3 April 1996, and a subsequent revision dated 2 August 1996, TransCanada is applying to the Board to add 205.2 kilometres (127.5 miles) of pipeline looping, 13 compressor units, three aftercoolers, manifolding and compression-related items to the company's system in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. These would enable TransCanada to provide incremental natural gas services totalling approximately 8.1 million cubic metres (286.7 million cubic feet) per day for both domestic and export markets. The estimated capital cost of the new facilities is \$899.0 million. Construction is scheduled for 1997, with 138.0 km (85.8 miles) of the pipeline looping proposed for a 1 April 1997 in-service date, and the remainder to be in service for 1 November 1997.

The Board's hearing will include an application dated 14 May 1996 by Renaissance Energy Ltd. for the provision of and access to TransCanada facilities for the transport of 0.145 million cubic metres (5.1 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas from Empress, Alberta to Emerson, Manitoba commencing 1 September 1997.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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NEB SETS PANCANADIAN APPLICATION DOWN FOR PUBLIC HEARING

CALGARY --The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by PanCanadian Petroleum Limited (PanCanadian) of Calgary. The company is requesting an order from the Board which would require Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) to transport natural gas liquids for PanCanadian from Kerrobert, Saskatchewan.

In its application, PanCanadian stated that its new gas processing plant at Empress, Alberta will be placed in service in September, 1996. The company will transport the natural gas liquids extracted from the Empress plant to Kerrobert, where it wants IPL to accept delivery for transportation on the IPL pipeline system.

The hearing will commence at 9 a.m., 30 September 1996 at the Board's hearing room in Calgary.

Persons wishing to intervene should file with the Board by 26 August 1996.

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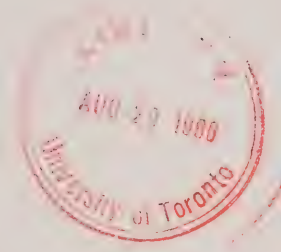
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NEB APPROVES ABANDONMENT OF THE YUKON PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application by Yukon Pipelines Limited (Yukon Pipelines) of Whitehorse, Yukon, to abandon the operation of its products pipeline system in British Columbia and Yukon.

The company applied under section 74 of the *National Energy Board Act* on 12 July 1995 to abandon the 144.5 kilometre (90 miles) Canadian section of the 177-kilometre long (110 miles) pipeline which extends from a point on the international boundary between British Columbia and Alaska, U.S.A. to Whitehorse, Yukon. The facilities also consist of a tank farm located in Whitehorse and a pump station, previously deactivated, located near Carcross, Yukon.

A public hearing was held in Whitehorse on 20 August 1996.

The company estimates that the cost of removing the pipe, dismantling storage tanks and associated pumping equipment and conducting the required environmental assessments and remediation would be \$1.6 million. This would be offset by sale of the pipe, tanks and land occupied by the Upper Tank Farm in Whitehorse.

Yukon Pipelines' system was originally part of an extensive northern pipeline system built during World War II, and known as the Canol pipeline. Following the war, the portion of the Canol pipeline between Skagway, Alaska and Whitehorse remained in operation, transporting refined petroleum products. In October 1994, Yukon Pipelines' system was deactivated and, in mid-1995, it was cleaned in preparation for abandonment and removal. Petroleum products which were transported by the Yukon Pipelines system are now trucked into the area.

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10 September 1996**GOVERNMENTS APPOINT PANEL FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF SABLE GAS PROJECTS**

Halifax - A five person Panel was established today to conduct the Joint Public Review of the Sable Gas Projects. The Panel is chaired by Dr. Robert Fournier of Dalhousie University with the other members being Dr. John Sears, Saint Francis Xavier University (retired), Ms Jessie Davies, University of New Brunswick, Mr. Kenneth W. Vollman, National Energy Board and Mme Anita Côté-Verhaaf, National Energy Board.

The Panel was established pursuant to the Agreement for a Joint Public Review of the Sable Gas Projects. This Agreement was developed to avoid jurisdictional overlap and duplication and was announced by the signatories on 17 July 1996. The parties to the agreement are the federal ministers of Environment and Natural Resources, the Nova Scotia ministers of Environment and Natural Resources, the National Energy Board and the Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board.

The Sable Gas Projects will have both offshore and onshore components which will require public review. Mobil Oil Canada Properties and its partners have already made an application to the regulators for the development of six natural gas fields near Sable Island, known as the Sable Gas Offshore Project.

The proposal also includes the transportation of natural gas via submarine pipeline to a landfall site near Country Harbour, Nova Scotia, a gas plant and a pipeline to transport natural gas liquids to Port Tupper, Nova Scotia. The Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline Project has given notice that it will make an application to the regulators to build a pipeline to transport natural gas from Country Harbour through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to markets in the Maritimes and New England.

Public hearings will be held in both provinces. Times and locations of the hearings will be announced at a later date. A Secretariat Office has been established in Halifax to provide technical and administrative support to the Review Panel.

NOTE TO EDITORS: See the attached backgrounder for further information on the panel members.

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Dr. John T. Sears is a retired Professor of Business Administration and Academic Vice-President at Saint Francis Xavier University. Dr. Sears has had a long and distinguished academic career in the fields of Economics and Business. Dr. Sears has been chair or member of many Review Committees including Nova Scotia Voluntary Planning and the Nova Scotia Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

Mme Anita Côté-Verhaaf is a member of the National Energy Board. Following graduation in economics from the University of Montreal (MSc.), Mme Côté-Verhaaf held senior economist and regulatory-advisory positions in the private sector prior to her appointment as a Board Member in 1989.

Mr. Kenneth W. Vollman is currently Vice Chairman of the National Energy Board and the Administrator of the Northern Pipeline Agency. He is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan (BSc. and MSc.). Prior to his appointment as a Board Member, Mr. Vollman held several senior engineering staff positions with the National Energy Board. Mr. Vollman is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Alberta.

The five panel members above will act as the Panel for the Joint Public Review of the Sable Gas Projects. The Sable Gas Projects will involve two separate components. The offshore component involves the development of six offshore fields linked by an offshore pipeline to an onshore gas plant at Country Harbour, Nova Scotia. Included in the offshore project will be a liquids line and a liquids processing plant at Port Tupper. The onshore component will involve the pipeline from the gas processing plant to markets in the Maritimes and New England.

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NEB DECIDES ON METHOD TRANSCANADA PIPELINES WILL USE TO DISTRIBUTE REFUNDS FROM GREAT LAKES GAS TRANSMISSION

Calgary - The National Energy Board has decided on the method to be used by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) to repay a refund that it will be receiving from Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) for excess amounts paid by TransCanada to Great Lakes for service on its system during the period 1 November 1991 to 30 September 1995.

The Board approved TransCanada's proposal to pay out the Great Lakes' refund to current firm shippers on TransCanada's system on a prospective basis by crediting these shippers' monthly invoices for service as soon as possible following TransCanada's receipt of funds. The Board also directed that the refund be allocated among current firm shippers on a fixed volume distance basis. For the purposes of the Great Lakes' refund, the definition of current firm shippers is to include Firm Transportation, Storage Transportation Service and Firm Service Tendered shippers.

TransCanada stated that the net refund it expected to receive would be approximately \$38 million (U.S.) and that it expected to receive the refund over a period of approximately three years commencing in 1996.

This matter refers to a Great Lakes' refund of amounts paid by TransCanada in respect of rates calculated on an incremental basis for service on the Great Lakes' system during the period from 1 November 1991 to 30 September 1995. These incremental rates were charged by Great Lakes pursuant to a then subsisting U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order, and were borne by TransCanada's shippers through the payment of tolls for service on TransCanada's system. The FERC has now determined that the payment of these incremental rates was unjust and unreasonable, and has approved a methodology whereby the overpayment during the time period in question will be returned to Great Lakes' incremental ratepayers.

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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD ♦ CALGARY, ALBERTA T2P 3H2

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NEB APPROVES APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS

Calgary - The National Energy Board has approved eight applications for licences to export some 3.17 million cubic metres (112.1 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day for periods ranging from six to 20 years.

The Board issued licences to the following:

- (a) Coastal Gas Marketing Company for export at Chippawa, Ontario for Coastal's system supply to serve its U.S. Northeast market (seven producers);
- (b) Coastal Gas Marketing Company for export at Emerson, Manitoba to American Crystal Sugar Company of Minnesota and ProGold Limited Liability Company of North Dakota (Morrison Petroleum Ltd. supply);
- (c) Coastal Gas Marketing Company for export at Emerson, Manitoba to American Crystal Sugar Company of Minnesota and ProGold Limited Liability Company of North Dakota (Petro-Canada supply);
- (d) Morgan Hydrocarbons Inc. and Coastal Gas Marketing Company, a joint application, for export at Iroquois, Ontario for Coastal's system supply to serve its U.S. Northeast market (Morgan supply);
- (e) Renaissance Energy Ltd. for export at Niagara Falls, Ontario to Iroquois Energy Brokers, LLC for resale to end-use customers in the States of New York and Pennsylvania (Renaissance supply);
- (f) St. Lawrence Gas Company, Inc. for export at Cornwall and Iroquois, Ontario for system supply to serve its existing market in northern New York (TransCanada Gas Services supply);
- (g) Talisman Energy Inc. for export at Huntingdon, British Columbia for sale to Eastern Energy Marketing, Inc. to be used at the Glenss Ferry Cogeneration Project located at Glenss Ferry, Idaho (Talisman supply); and
- (h) Talisman Energy Inc. for export at Huntingdon, British Columbia for sale to Eastern Energy Marketing, Inc. to be used at the Rupert Cogeneration Project located at Rupert, Idaho (Talisman supply).



NOTE TO EDITORS: See attached table for more information on the applications.

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BACKGROUNDER - APPROVED VOLUMES

Exporter/Importer	Daily 10³m³ (MMcf)	Annual 10⁶m³ (Bcf)	Term 10⁶m³ (Bcf)	Duration
Coastal/Coastal (Seven producers)	1 367.5 (48.3)	500.0 (17.7)	5 000.0 (177.0)	1 Nov.1997 31 Oct. 2007
Coastal/Am. Crystal - ProGold (Morrison supply)	199.1 (7.0)	73.0 (2.6)	730.0 (25.5)	1 Nov.1997 31 Oct. 2007
Coastal/Am. Crystal - ProGold (Petro-Canada supply)	313.5 (11.1)	114.4 (4.0)	1 144.0 (40.4)	1 Nov.1997 31 Oct. 2007
Morgan/Coastal (Morgan supply)	283.3 (10.0)	104.0 (3.7)	1 040.0 (37.0)	1 Nov. 1996 31 Oct. 2006
Renaissance/Iroquois Energy (Renaissance supply)	281.9 (10.0)	102.9 (3.6)	514.5 (18.2)	1 Nov.1997 1 Nov. 2002
St. Lawrence/St. Lawrence (TransCanada Gas supply)	574.3 (20.3)	106.2 (3.7)	637.2 (22.5)	1 Nov.1996 31 Oct. 2002
Talisman/Eastern Energy (Glenns Ferry Cogen.) (Talisman supply)	74.7 (2.6)	27.3 (1.0)	545.5 (19.0)	1 Jan. 1997 31 Dec. 2016
Talisman/Eastern Energy (Rupert Cogen.) (Talisman supply)	78.9 (2.8)	28.8 (1.0)	575.9 (20.3)	1 Jan. 1997 31 Dec. 2016
Total	3 173.2 (112.1)	1 056.6 (35.3)	10 187.1 (360.2)	

Measurements:

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25 September 1996**

NEB RECEIVES TAYLOR-BOUNDARY LAKE LIQUIDS PIPELINE APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Novagas Clearinghouse Pipelines Ltd. (NCPL) to construct and operate a natural gas liquids pipeline from northeastern British Columbia into Alberta.

The company is requesting permission to construct approximately 58 kilometres (35 miles) of 219.1 millimetre (eight inch) natural gas liquids pipeline with associated pumping and metering facilities from the Solex Developments Company Inc. straddle plant at Taylor, British Columbia to connect to a Novagas Clearinghouse Ltd. metering facility in Alberta. The proposed facilities, known as the Taylor-Boundary Lake Liquids Pipeline Project, will enable natural gas liquids including ethane, butane and condensate to be delivered to fractionation facilities in Alberta and subsequently delivered to markets.

NCPL estimates the capital cost of the project to be \$8 million. The company plans for construction to begin in two phases starting in June 1997, with an in-service date of 1 April 1998.

The Board will announce at a later date the procedure that will be followed in considering the application.

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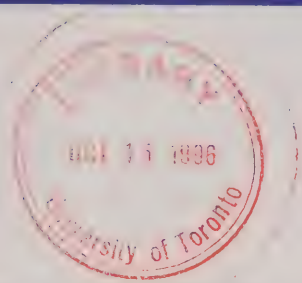
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NEB RECEIVES FIVE APPLICATIONS FOR SEVEN LICENCES TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS

Calgary - The National Energy Board has received five applications to export some 10 billion cubic metres (356 billion cubic feet) of natural gas for periods ranging from 10 to 16 years.

The applications received are described below.

Coastal Gas Marketing Company applied for a 10-year licence to export, near Iroquois, Ontario, some 396 600 cubic metres (14.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be used to serve Coastal's northeast United States market. Coastal will purchase the natural gas from Rio Alto Exploration Ltd., Pinnacle Resources Ltd. and Jordan Petroleum Ltd.

Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. applied for a 10-year licence to export, near Niagara Falls, Ontario, some 623 000 cubic metres (22.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be used to serve Enron's market in the northeast United States. The Company will purchase the natural gas from Beau Canada Exploration Ltd., Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. and Ranger Oil Limited.

PanEnergy Marketing Limited Partnership applied for a 10-year licence to export, near Niagara Falls, Ontario, some 246 500 cubic metres (8.7 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to PanEnergy Trading and Market Services, LLC to supply its market in the northeast United States. PanEnergy Marketing will purchase the natural gas from Beau Canada Exploration Ltd. and Pinnacle Resources Ltd.

ProGas Limited applied for three licences as follows:

- a 16-year licence to export, near Emerson, Manitoba, for the period 1 November 1996 to 31 October 1997, some 225 000 cubic metres (7.9 million cubic feet) and for the period 1 November 1997 to 31 October 2012, 370 000 cubic metres (13.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to ProGas U.S.A. who will resell the gas to Great Plains Natural Gas Company, a local distribution company in Fergus Falls, Minnesota;

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- a 16-year licence to export, near Emerson, Manitoba, some 67 000 cubic metres (2.4 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to ProGas U.S.A. who will resell the gas to the City of Perham, Minnesota; and,
- a 10-year licence to export, near Iroquois, Ontario, some 458 000 cubic metres (16.2 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to ProGas U.S.A. to serve its markets in the northeast United States.

All the natural gas will be supplied from ProGas' corporate supply pool.

United States Gypsum Company applied for a 10-year licence to export, near Emerson, Manitoba, some 382 400 cubic metres (13.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be used by Gypsum at its plants located at Cloquet, Minnesota, Detroit, Michigan, Fort Dodge, Indiana and Sperry, Iowa. Gypsum will purchase the natural gas from Renaissance Energy Ltd.

The Board will announce at a later date how it will proceed to consider the applications.

NOTE TO EDITORS: See the attached table for more information on the applications.

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BACKGROUNDER - APPLIED-FOR VOLUMES

Exporter/Importer	Daily 10³m³ (MMcf)	Annual 10⁶m³ (Bcf)	Term 10⁶m³ (Bcf)	Duration
Coastal/Coastal	396.6 (14.0)	145.0 (5.1)	1 450.0 (51.0)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2007
Enron/Enron	623.0 (22.0)	218.0 (7.7)	2 180.0 (77.0)	1 Nov. 1997 1 Nov. 2007
PanEnergy/PanEnergy Trading	246.5 (8.7)	90.0 (3.2)	899.7 (31.7)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2007
ProGas/ProGas USA/Great Plains	225.0 (7.9)	82.2 (2.9)		1 Nov. 1996 31 Oct. 1997
	370.0 (13.0)	135.3 (4.8)	2 112.0 (74.6)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2012
ProGas/ProGas USA/Perham	67.0 (2.4)	24.4 (0.9)	389.6 (13.7)	1 Nov. 1996 31 Oct. 2012
ProGas/ProGas USA	458.0 (16.2)	167.2 (5.9)	1 672.0 (59.0)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2007
US Gypsum/US Gypsum	382.4 (13.5)	139.6 (4.9)	1 395.8 (49.0)	1 Nov. 1997 1 Nov. 2007
Total	2 543.5 (89.8)	919.5 (32.5)	10 099.1 (356.0)	

Measurements:

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**SECRETARIAT RECEIVES APPLICATION FROM MARITIMES AND NORTHEAST
PIPELINE**

HALIFAX -- The Secretariat for the Joint Public Review of the Sable Gas Projects has received an application from Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd. (Maritimes Pipeline) seeking approval to construct, own and operate the Canadian portion of a pipeline project developed through the Sable Offshore Energy Project.

The Joint Review Panel will provide a single window approach to the environmental assessment of the application on behalf of the federal and provincial regulatory authorities.

Maritimes Pipeline proposes to construct approximately 558 kilometres (345 miles) of 762 millimetre (30 inch) pipeline extending from the Country Harbour area of Nova Scotia through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to markets in New England. The pipeline is designed to transport 480 million cubic feet (530,000 MMBTU) of natural gas per day.

Westcoast Energy Inc. is responsible for the development of the Canadian portion of the pipeline project while PanEnergy Corp. is responsible for development of the project in the United States.

The total capital cost of the applied-for facilities is estimated to be approximately \$583 million.

The Secretariat for the Joint Public Review of the Sable Gas Projects was established in July of this year in accordance with an agreement between the federal and provincial departments of Environment and Natural Resources, the National Energy Board and the Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board. The agreement undertakes to conduct a joint public review for the environmental and socio-economic assessment of the Sable Gas Projects with the objective to avoid delay, duplication and overlap while ensuring that the responsibilities and requirements of each jurisdiction are respected.

In addition to filing with the Secretariat, copies of the applications were also filed with the National Energy Board in Calgary and the Nova Scotia Department of Environment in Halifax.

The Secretariat will announce in the near future the dates for interventions and for a public hearing of the application.

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NEB ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRANSCANADA POWER'S APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT AN INTERNATIONAL POWER LINE

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by TransCanada Power Corp. of Calgary to construct an international power line. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 9 December 1996 in the Board's Hearing Room, Third Floor, 311 Sixth Avenue S.W. in Calgary, Alberta.

Persons wishing to intervene should do so by Friday, 8 November 1996.

In an application dated 24 September 1996, TransCanada Power applied to the Board to authorize construction of a 69 kilovolt international power line originating in the United States and extending approximately 15 kilometres across the international boundary to a point near Wild Horse, Alberta. The proposed power line will extend northward for approximately 12.8 kilometres along the eastern edge of the easement of Alberta Highway No. 41 before turning westerly for approximately 1.6 kilometres along a new access road to the Wild Horse station at the Express Pipeline.

The proposed facility will enable TransCanada Power Corp. to transmit power from the international border to service the electric motors and auxiliary facilities at the Express Pipeline, Wild Horse Pump Station. The capital cost of the Canadian portion of the proposed power line is estimated at \$725,000.

TransCanada Power Corp. is wholly-owned by TransCanada Energy Management Limited which, in turn, is wholly-owned by TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary.

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OFFSHORE WASTE TREATMENT GUIDELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board, the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board and the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board today released the *Offshore Waste Treatment Guidelines*.

The *Offshore Waste Treatment Guidelines* outline recommended practices and standards for the treatment and disposal of wastes from petroleum drilling and production operations in Canada's offshore areas. The Guidelines were prepared jointly by the Boards with the assistance of a government/industry committee established for this purpose. The Guidelines will be applied by the Boards and by their respective Chief Conservation Officers in making decisions related to waste treatment and disposal.

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18 November 1996**

NEB RECEIVES WESTCOAST 1997 TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Westcoast Energy Inc. of Vancouver, British Columbia for the tolls it may charge for natural gas gathering, processing and transportation services, effective 1 January 1997. Westcoast also requests approval of a new incentive-based methodology for fixing the revenue requirement of mainline transportation services for the five year period from 1997 to 2001.

The company also has indicated that it plans to file a second application at a later date for a new incentive-based methodology for fixing gathering and processing tolls effective 1 January 1998.

In its application dated 6 November 1996, Westcoast is requesting an overall toll increase of 25 per cent over tolls charged in 1996.

Westcoast, in estimating its 1997 cost of service, has used a rate of return on common equity of 11.25 per cent, which is the rate approved for 1996 in accordance with the Board's cost of capital decision. The rate of return for 1997 will be adjusted in accordance with the same decision. The capital structure utilized in the application includes a weighted common equity component of 35 per cent.

Westcoast operates a natural gas gathering, processing and transmission system extending from points in British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories to a point on the international boundary near Huntingdon, British Columbia.

The Board will announce at a later date how it will deal with the application.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATION FROM FEDERATED PIPE LINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Federated Pipe Lines (Northern) Ltd. (Federated Northern) of Calgary to construct and operate an oil and natural gas liquids pipeline from Taylor, British Columbia to Belloy, Alberta.

The company is proposing to build and operate an approximately 172 kilometre (106 miles) long, 273.1 millimetre (10 inches) diameter pipeline to transport crude oil, segregated condensate, ethane plus and propane plus from facilities at Taylor to an interconnection with a proposed pipeline at Belloy.

Construction of the pipeline is scheduled to commence in the summer of 1997 and be completed in the winter of 1997/1998, with startup scheduled for the spring of 1998. The pipeline will have an initial delivery capacity of 8 250 cubic metres (52,000 barrels) per day.

The company estimates the capital costs of constructing the pipeline at approximately \$40.8 million.

Federated Northern is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Federated Pipe Lines Ltd., which is indirectly owned 50 per cent by Imperial Oil and 50 per cent by Anderson Exploration Ltd.

The Board will announce at a later time the procedure it will follow concerning the application.

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NEB APPROVES TRANSCANADA PIPELINES' REVISED 1997/1998 FACILITIES APPLICATION

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has approved an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for the company's 1997/1998 facilities expansion. The decision follows a public hearing held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from 7-10 October 1996.

The Board approved the construction of 205.5 kilometres (127.6 miles) of pipeline looping, 13 compressor units totalling 350 megawatts, three aftercoolers, manifolding and compression-related items on TransCanada's system in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. These facilities will enable the company to provide incremental natural gas services totalling approximately 8.1 million cubic metres (286.7 million cubic feet) per day for both domestic and export markets. The total capital cost of these facilities is estimated at \$897.0 million (\$1996).

Construction is scheduled for 1997, with 138.0 km (85.8 miles) of the pipeline looping proposed for a 1 April 1997 in-service date, and the remainder to be in service by 1 November 1997.

The Board also approved an application by Renaissance Energy Ltd. for the provision of and access to TransCanada facilities for the transport of 0.145 million cubic metres (5.1 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas from Empress, Alberta to Emerson, Manitoba commencing 1 September 1997.

TransCanada owns and operates a natural gas transmission system extending from Alberta across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and through a portion of Quebec.

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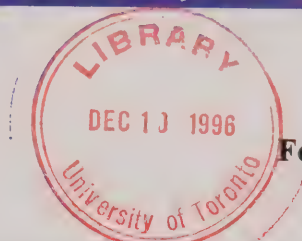
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NEB RELEASES NEW NATURAL GAS MARKET ASSESSMENT REPORT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has released its latest in a series of Natural Gas Market Assessment (NGMA) reports entitled *Canadian Natural Gas Ten Years After Deregulation*. NGMA reports contain results of the Board's ongoing natural gas market monitoring which in turn constitutes a part of the Board's Market-Based Procedure (MBP). The MBP was founded on the premise that the marketplace would generally operate in such a way that Canadian requirements for natural gas would be met at fair market prices.

The purposes of this NGMA report were to: (1) review the changes that have taken place in the Canadian natural gas market in the ten years since the gas market was deregulated; (2) describe the current functioning of the market; and (3) assist the Board in assessing whether or not the market is generally operating in such a way that Canadian requirements for natural gas are being met at fair market prices.

The Board has found that the current functioning of the Canadian natural gas market is consistent with the basic premise of the MBP. The market is generally working so that the requirements of Canadian natural gas buyers are being satisfied at fair market prices. There are no barriers which prevent major natural gas buyers from accessing competitively-priced supplies from western Canada. The eastern Canadian local distribution companies continue to purchase almost all of their gas requirements from western Canada even though they have established a large import capacity from the United States. Gas prices are set through the operation of competitive markets, and gas production and marketing are very competitive businesses which provide maximum choice to gas buyers. Finally, the available evidence indicates that domestic gas buyers have been able to obtain Canadian natural gas supplies on terms and conditions at least as favourable as those available to United States' buyers.

The Board also found that, overall, the natural gas industry is efficient and responsive to the demands of the marketplace. The pipeline sector has developed a new range of services which, along with improved storage capability, has greatly enhanced the flexibility and reliability of the delivery system. The gas producing sector has cut costs sharply and has increased production dramatically, despite persistently low wellhead prices. While production has increased, the pace of technological change and improved knowledge of the producing basin in western Canada indicates that supply can be expected to meet Canadian and export demand for the foreseeable future. Current estimates of the ultimate potential of the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin are about 50 percent greater than those of ten years ago.



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NEB RECEIVES PALLISER PIPELINE PROJECT APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Palliser Pipeline Inc. (Palliser) of Calgary to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline system.

Palliser is applying to construct and operate natural gas mainline and lateral pipeline facilities in southern Alberta and southwestern Saskatchewan. The project includes construction of approximately 240 kilometres (149 miles) of 762 millimetre (30 inch) and 914.4 millimetre (36 inch) diameter mainline. The company also plans to construct approximately 700 kilometres (434 miles) of lateral pipelines with diameters ranging from 114.3 millimetres (four inches) to 508 millimetres (20 inches).

The proposed pipeline system would transport gas from a number of established natural gas fields in southern Alberta and southwestern Saskatchewan to metering and compression facilities near the Alberta/Saskatchewan border. From there, the pipeline would interconnect with existing and/or expanded facilities of established transmission systems for transportation to markets in the U.S. Midwest and Northeast, and eastern Canada.

Construction of the pipeline is scheduled to commence in the spring of 1998, with an in-service date of 1 November 1998. The pipeline would have an initial delivery capacity of 34 million cubic metres (1.2 billion cubic feet) per day.

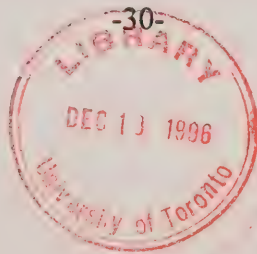
Palliser estimates the capital cost of constructing the proposed facilities to be approximately \$365 million.

Palliser is equally owned by PanCanadian Petroleum Limited and Union Energy Inc., a subsidiary of Westcoast Energy Inc.

The Board will announce at a later date the procedure it will follow concerning the application.

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NEB WILL HOLD A WRITTEN PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS

Calgary - The National Energy Board will hold a written public hearing on five applications to export some 10 billion cubic metres (356 billion cubic feet) of natural gas for periods ranging from 10 to 16 years.

Any person wishing to intervene in the hearing must file an intervention by 20 December 1996.

The applications to be considered are from the following companies:

Coastal Gas Marketing Company applied for a 10-year licence to export, near Iroquois, Ontario, some 396 600 cubic metres (14.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be used to serve Coastal's northeast United States market. Coastal will purchase the natural gas from Rio Alto Exploration Ltd., Pinnacle Resources Ltd. and Jordan Petroleum Ltd.

Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. applied for a 10-year licence to export, near Niagara Falls, Ontario, some 623 000 cubic metres (22.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be used to serve Enron's market in the northeast United States. The Company will purchase the natural gas from Beau Canada Exploration Ltd., Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. and Ranger Oil Limited.

PanEnergy Marketing Limited Partnership applied for a 10-year licence to export, near Niagara Falls, Ontario, some 246 500 cubic metres (8.7 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to PanEnergy Trading and Market Services, LLC to supply its market in the northeast United States. PanEnergy Marketing will purchase the natural gas from Beau Canada Exploration Ltd. and Pinnacle Resources Ltd.

ProGas Limited applied for three licences as follows:

- a 16-year licence to export, near Emerson, Manitoba, for the period 1 November 1996 to 31 October 1997, some 225 000 cubic metres (7.9 million cubic feet) and for the period 1 November 1997 to 31 October 2012, 370 000 cubic metres (13.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to ProGas U.S.A. who



will resell the gas to Great Plains Natural Gas Company, a local distribution company in Fergus Falls, Minnesota;

- a 16-year licence to export, near Emerson, Manitoba, some 67 000 cubic metres (2.4 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to ProGas U.S.A. who will resell the gas to the City of Perham, Minnesota; and,
- a 10-year licence to export, near Iroquois, Ontario, some 458 000 cubic metres (16.2 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to ProGas U.S.A. to serve its markets in the northeast United States.

All the natural gas will be supplied from ProGas' corporate supply pool.

United States Gypsum Company applied for a 10-year licence to export, near Emerson, Manitoba, some 382 400 cubic metres (13.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be used by Gypsum at its plants located at Cloquet, Minnesota, Detroit, Michigan, Fort Dodge, Indiana and Sperry, Iowa. Gypsum will purchase the natural gas from Renaissance Energy Ltd.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: See the attached table for more information on the applications.

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Exporter/Importer	Daily 10 ³ m ³ (MMcf)	Annual 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Term 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Duration
Coastal/Coastal	396.6 (14.0)	145.0 (5.1)	1 450.0 (51.0)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2007
Enron/Enron	623.0 (22.0)	218.0 (7.7)	2 180.0 (77.0)	1 Nov. 1997 1 Nov. 2007
PanEnergy/PanEnergy Trading	246.5 (8.7)	90.0 (3.2)	899.7 (31.7)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2007
ProGas/ProGas USA/Great Plains	225.0 (7.9)	82.2 (2.9)		1 Nov. 1996 31 Oct. 1997
	370.0 (13.0)	135.3 (4.8)	2 112.0 (74.6)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2012
ProGas/ProGas USA/Perham	67.0 (2.4)	24.4 (0.9)	389.6 (13.7)	1 Nov. 1996 31 Oct. 2012
ProGas/ProGas USA	458.0 (16.2)	167.2 (5.9)	1 672.0 (59.0)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2007
US Gypsum/US Gypsum	382.4 (13.5)	139.6 (4.9)	1 395.8 (49.0)	1 Nov. 1997 1 Nov. 2007
Total	2 543.5 (89.8)	919.5 (32.5)	10 099.1 (356.0)	

Measurements:	10 ³ m ³ :	Thousand cubic metres
	10 ⁶ m ³ :	Million cubic metres
	MMcuf:	Million cubic feet
	Bcf:	Billion cubic feet

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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR NOVAGAS PIPELINE APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application from Novagas Clearinghouse Pipelines Ltd. (NCPL) to construct and operate a natural gas liquids pipeline from northeastern British Columbia into Alberta.

The hearing will begin on Monday, 10 February 1997 at 9 a.m. in the Board's hearing room in Calgary. Parties wishing to intervene in the hearing must notify the Board by 19 December 1996.

The company is requesting permission to construct approximately 58 kilometres (35 miles) of 219.1 millimetre (eight inch) natural gas liquids pipeline with associated pumping and metering facilities from the Solex Developments Company Inc. straddle plant at Taylor, British Columbia to connect to a Novagas Clearinghouse Ltd. metering facility in Alberta. The proposed facilities, known as the Taylor-Boundary Lake Liquids Pipeline Project, will enable natural gas liquids including ethane, butane and condensate to be delivered to storage and fractionation facilities near Redwater, Alberta.

NCPL estimates the capital cost of the project to be \$8 million. The company plans for construction to begin in two phases starting in June 1997, with an in-service date of 1 April 1998.

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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING FOR INTERPROVINCIAL PIPELINES' LINE 8 REACTIVATION PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) to reactivate its Line 8 oil products pipeline in Ontario.

The hearing will take place beginning 27 January 1997 at 9 a.m. at the London Convention Centre, 300 York Street, London, Ontario. Persons wishing to intervene must notify the Board by 20 December 1996.

The company is applying to reactivate approximately 210 kilometres (130 miles) of 508 millimetre (20 inch) pipe carrying oil products from IPL's Sarnia Terminal to Millgrove Junction, north of Hamilton, Ontario. Line 8 is part of IPL's older system operations and was in service until the fall of 1994. It was formally deactivated on 22 November 1995. The applied-for reactivation is intended to increase system efficiency by using otherwise deactivated facilities.

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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD LAUNCHES NEW WEB SITE

CALGARY - The National Energy Board announced today the launch of its new Internet site, providing electronic access on the World Wide Web to a wide range of documents and information services. The bilingual site provides background on the Board's history, its regulatory role and mandate, an explanation of the public hearing process and how the public can participate. In addition, it offers full-text versions of news releases, the quarterly *Regulatory Agenda*, overviews of hearing decisions and current statistical reports for up-to-date details on news that matters to the regulatory community. The site is designed for easy navigation and is organized in the following subject categories:

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NEB RECEIVES PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION OF ALLIANCE PIPELINE LTD. TO CONSTRUCT A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received a "Preliminary Submission" from Alliance Pipeline Ltd. (Alliance) of Calgary to construct and operate the Canadian portion of a natural gas pipeline extending 3 000 kilometres (1 900 miles) from northwest British Columbia to the Chicago, Illinois area.

Alliance anticipates to file an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity with the Board in mid-1997. Alliance stated that the purpose of this "Preliminary Submission" is to request that the Board initiate activities as a Responsible Authority under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* on an expeditious basis.

The Canadian portion of the pipeline would consist of approximately 1 650 kilometres (1 020 miles) of 914 millimetre (36 inch) diameter pipe. The pipeline would be used to transport natural gas from 40 potential sources located between Gordondales and Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta to the midwest and elsewhere in the United States and potentially in central Canada. The pipeline will have an initial delivery capacity of 37 million cubic metres (1.3 billion cubic feet) per day and could be expanded, by way of additional compression, to 55 million cubic metres (2 billion cubic feet) per day.

Alliance stated that it hoped to have all regulatory approvals in place in the first quarter of 1998 to enable construction to occur in the second half of 1998 and throughout 1999 with a projected start up date of late 1999. The company estimates the capital cost of the project to be approximately \$3.6 billion.

Alliance Pipeline Ltd. is the general partner of the Alliance Pipeline Limited Partnership which comprises 17 other gas producers, marketers and pipeline companies.

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NEB PUBLIC HEARING TO DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board is considering holding its next public hearing on applications for natural gas export licences in May 1997.

The Board has given notice to all potential applicants that completed applications must be filed on or before 20 February 1997 in order to be included in the May proceeding. Following the 20 February filing deadline, the Board will issue its hearing order and directions on procedure for those applications which are to be included in the hearing.

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FOOTHILLS SECURES KEY REGULATORY APPROVALS FOR 1998 EASTERN LEG EXPANSION PROJECT

Calgary - The National Energy Board has approved an application by Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd. of Calgary for the construction of facilities forming part of the company's Eastern Leg Expansion Project. This expansion would provide about 19.55 million cubic metres (690 million cubic feet) per day of incremental natural gas export capacity at the international border near Monchy, Saskatchewan commencing 1 November 1998, representing a 45 percent increase over the pipeline's existing capacity.

The Board's approval is for an \$18 million expansion of the Foothills decompression / recompression facility at Empress, Alberta (situated near the Alberta / Saskatchewan border). This facility enables the Eastern Leg of the Foothills transmission system to operate at elevated pressures while enabling the extraction of heavier hydrocarbons from the natural gas stream at lower-pressure extraction facilities.

The Northern Pipeline Agency has concurrently approved the design for the balance of the \$167 million project, which involves the installation of 113 kilometres (70.5 miles) of 1067 millimetre (42 inch) diameter pipeline and various compression and metering facilities, all downstream of Empress on existing right-of-way and station sites. These facilities have previously been certificated under the *Northern Pipeline Act* as part of the proposed Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System.

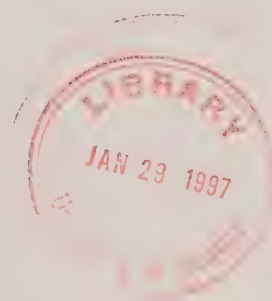
Natural gas transported on the Foothills Eastern Leg is delivered into the Northern Border pipeline system for onward transmission to markets in the U.S. Midwest.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: See attached backgrounder for information on the Northern Pipeline Agency and the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System.

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BACKGROUNDER

The ANGTS Project

In 1977, following extensive public hearings in both countries, the Governments of Canada and the United States of America executed an "Agreement on Principles Applicable to a Northern Natural Gas Pipeline". This agreement provided a framework for the construction and operation of the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System ("ANGTS"), a pipeline mega-project intended to transport Alaskan and Northern Canadian natural gas to southern markets. In Canada, the project is also referred to as the Alaska Highway Gas Pipeline Project.

In 1978, the Canadian Parliament enacted the *Northern Pipeline Act* for the dual purpose of certificating the pipeline in Canada and to establish the Northern Pipeline Agency ("the Agency") as the principal regulatory authority charged with overseeing the planning and construction of the Canadian portion of the project by Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd. ("Foothills").

The ANGTS is the largest proposed pipeline project in North America, encompassing nearly 7,700 kilometres (4,800 miles) of large-diameter mainline pipe, about 42 percent of which would be located in Canada. The route for the pipeline through Canada and the U.S. is depicted in Figure 1. Once in full operation, the ANGTS would be capable of transporting an initial 68 million cubic metres (2.4 billion cubic feet) per day of Alaskan gas. The system is also designed to accommodate the receipt and onward delivery of 34 million cubic metres (1.2 billion cubic feet) per day of Northern Canadian gas via a connecting pipeline from the Mackenzie Delta / Beaufort Sea region.

Construction of Prebuild / Current Project Status

As far back as 1977, the concept of prebuilding the southern portions of the ANGTS was identified as a benefit of the project, providing U.S. consumers with the opportunity to obtain additional surplus Canadian gas in advance of Alaskan gas. This Prebuild, which constituted Phase I of the ANGTS project, included a Western Leg to transport Canadian gas to markets in California and the Pacific Northwest and an Eastern Leg to primarily serve the U.S. Midwest market. It was contemplated at the time that Phase II of the project, consisting of the northern portions and the remaining sections to be constructed in southern Canada and the Lower 48 region, would follow in the near term.

The construction of the Prebuild went ahead as planned and Canadian gas started flowing through the system for export in the 1981-82 timeframe.

In 1982, at about the same time the Prebuild was completed, adverse market conditions led the sponsors of the ANGTS to put Phase II of the project on hold. The adverse market conditions were a result of a decline in demand for natural gas due to economic recession and energy conservation measures, an increase in U.S. supply in response to higher wellhead prices, and escalating forecast costs of construction due to inflation and rising interest rates.

It was originally anticipated that the completion of the project would be delayed by only about two years. However, as time passed, it became increasingly apparent that Phase II would be delayed indefinitely. Phase II of the ANGTS remains on hold to this day, and the consensus at this time is that the completion of the project is many years away.

Prebuild Expansions

There have been four expansions of the Prebuild since 1988, all of which were designed to either increase system capacity or enhance system reliability in response to growing export demand for Canadian gas. The most significant of these expansions involved the addition of two new compressor stations on the Eastern Leg in Alberta in 1992 and the completion of the Western Leg mainline in southeastern B.C. in 1993.

All of these expansions, as well as the planned 1998 Prebuild expansion, have been considered to fall within the scope of the ANGTS project and hence within the ambit of the *Northern Pipeline Act* and the certificates contained therein (reference Figure 2 for an up-to-date Prebuild map).

Under the terms and conditions of the *Northern Pipeline Act*, Foothills must obtain a series of approvals from both the Agency and the National Energy Board prior to commencing construction. The approvals relate to design and various other technical, environmental, socio-economic, and commercial matters.

Decompression / Recompression ("De/Re") Facility

The de/re facility at Empress, Alberta first went into service in December 1990 and was later expanded in 1992 through the construction of a partial third equipment train. To accommodate the incremental flow volumes associated with the 1998 Eastern Leg Expansion Project, Foothills plans to complete that third equipment train by installing a third compressor unit and ancillary facilities.

The de/re facility is considered to fall outside the scope of the ANGTS project and hence outside the scope of the *Northern Pipeline Act*, since Alaskan gas was not planned to be stripped of liquids at Empress. Accordingly, the application for the de/re expansion was made pursuant to the *National Energy Board Act* and a screening was performed pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

Northern Pipeline Agency

The Agency reports to Parliament through the Minister responsible for the Agency, currently the Minister for International Trade (the Honourable Arthur C. Eggleton), and has two senior officers. The Commissioner of the Agency is presently Robert G. Wright, Deputy Minister for International Trade. The Administrator and Designated Officer of the Agency is Kenneth W. Vollman, Vice-Chairman of the National Energy Board in Calgary.

Given the continuing low level of Agency activity, an arrangement is in place whereby the Agency relies heavily on the National Energy Board for administrative and technical assistance.

Figure 1
The Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System

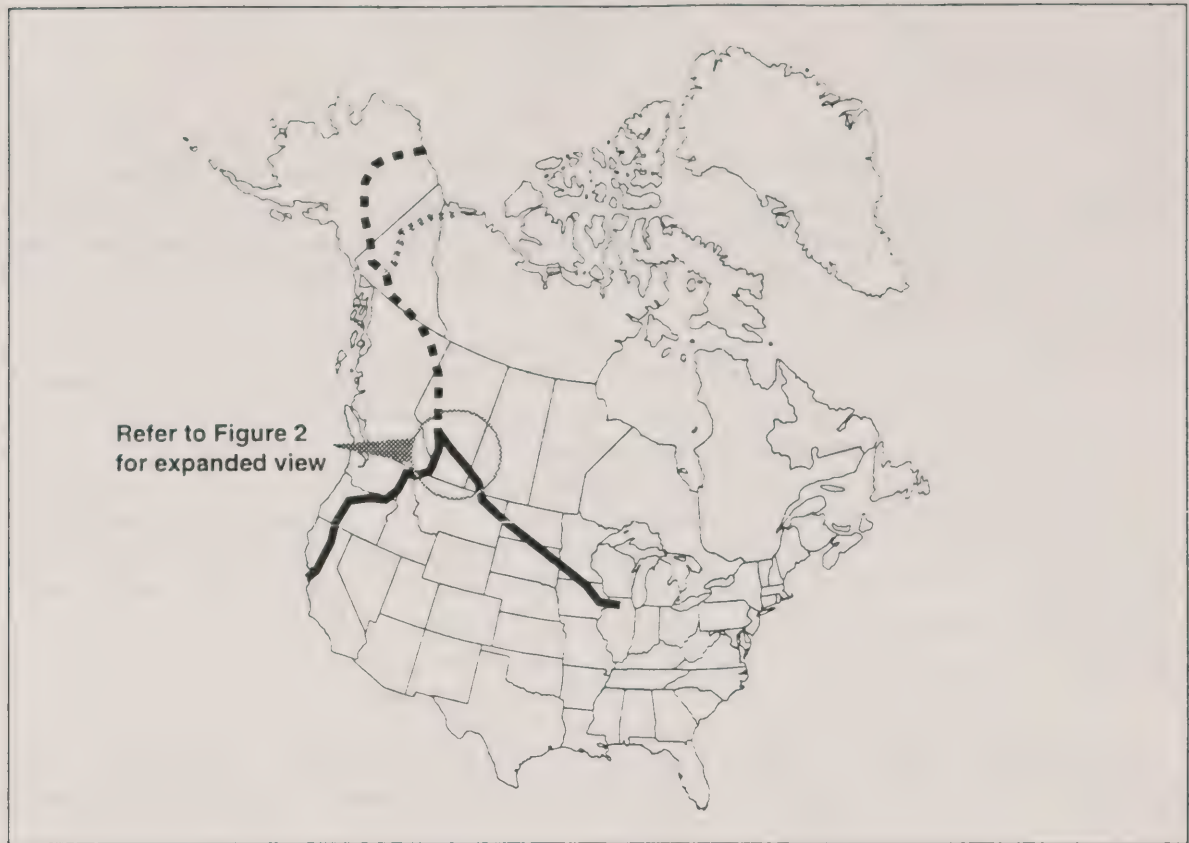
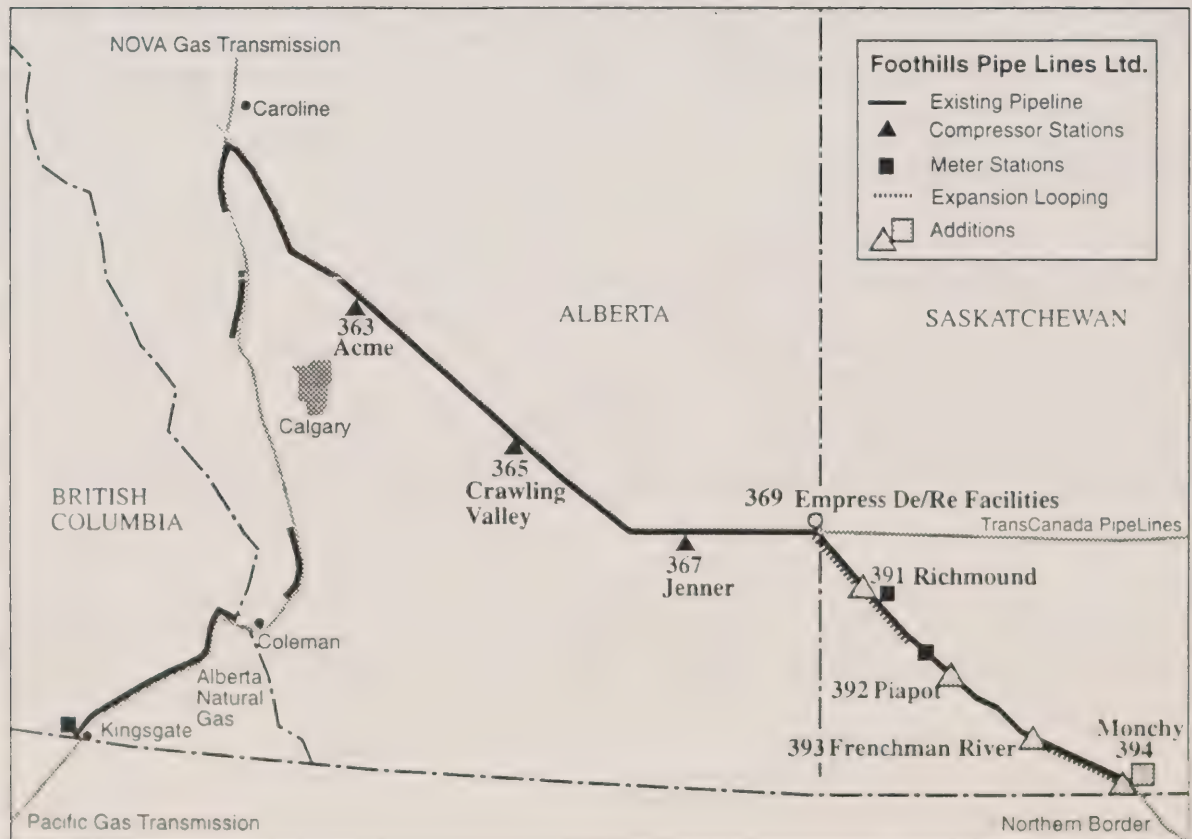


Figure 2
The Foothills Prebuild



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NEB RELEASES A NATURAL GAS MARKET ASSESSMENT REPORT ON LONG-TERM CANADIAN NATURAL GAS EXPORT CONTRACTS

Calgary - The National Energy Board today issued a Natural Gas Market Assessment report entitled: *Long-Term Canadian Natural Gas Contracts: An Update*. This report is an update to the report on the same subject issued in August 1992 which covered the period from 1985 to 1991.

This report provides a comprehensive descriptive analysis of the changes which have occurred in the nature of long-term contracts governing the sale of western Canadian gas in the domestic and export markets from 1991 to 1995. The study analyses contract terms and conditions; it does not analyze gas flows or prices.

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BACKGROUND

Summary and Conclusions

Prior to natural gas deregulation during the mid-1980's, Canadian and U.S. buyers secured virtually all their gas supply requirements through long-term contracts. These contracts formed the basis for the financing underlying exploration and development programs, and pipeline projects necessary to develop the Canadian gas industry. There were only a relatively small number of buyers that were typically either Canadian local distribution companies (LDCs) or U.S. interstate pipelines. The number of sellers prior to deregulation was also small. Most marketers of western Canadian gas were supply aggregators that were usually associated with a Canadian pipeline.

Contract Structure

Given the small number of buyers and sellers, and the fact that almost all Canadian gas was traded under long-term contracts prior to deregulation, the daily contract quantities under most contracts was typically very large, often exceeding 5.7 million cubic metres (200 million cubic feet) per day. Faced with growing concerns of energy shortages during the 1960's and 1970's, buyers attempted to lock up secure gas supplies by negotiating long-term contracts with 20- and 25-year terms.

Deregulation of natural gas markets in the mid-1980's encouraged new buyers and sellers to enter the marketplace; many negotiated long-term contractual arrangements for Canadian gas. As a result, the number of long-term contracts increased sharply by the early 1990's although the typical size of a long-term contract was smaller and contract terms were shorter.

More recently, under U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Order 636, U.S. interstate pipelines ceased to be natural gas merchants; consequently, their large volume, long-term contract arrangements for western Canadian gas supply have been terminated. Although some of this gas supply has been recontracted to several U.S. LDCs on a long-term basis, the total volume of gas contracted under long-term agreements has declined from 200 million cubic metres (7.0 billion cubic feet) per day in 1991 to 159 million cubic metres (5.6 billion cubic feet) per day in 1995. With the exit of U.S. interstate pipelines, Canadian and U.S. LDCs have become the major buyers of Canadian gas under long-term contract arrangements.

It is possible that further volumes of Canadian gas that were released by U.S. interstate pipelines may be recontracted on a long-term basis to U.S. LDCs over the next year. However, in many states, such as New York, Ohio, New Jersey and California, LDCs are unbundling their services, in a similar manner as the U.S. interstate pipelines. To the extent that U.S. end-users elect to purchase their gas requirements directly from producers and marketers rather than from LDC system supplies, it may become necessary to amend many of the long-term contracts with U.S. LDCs over the next few years. These amendments may include mechanisms similar to the operating demand volume adjustment terms found in many of the long-term contracts with Canadian LDCs which faced significant direct purchase activity in the late 1980's and early 1990's.

Since the late 1980's, Canadian LDCs have been restructuring their long-term gas supply portfolios. In particular, the portfolios of central Canadian LDCs have steadily been shrinking in size as end-users elect to purchase their gas requirements directly from producers and marketers under short-term contracts. Given the increased confidence in the size of the western Canadian resource base and in the ability of the upstream sector to develop and produce gas, as well as the greater reliability of gas purchased under short-term arrangements and the inherent flexibility of short-term contracts, it is not expected that central Canadian LDCs will increase the volume of gas that they purchase under long-term contracts. Similarly, it is expected that as the long-term contracts supplying the Alberta LDCs expire, they will be replaced with short-term agreements. There have been few changes in terms of the size and structure of the BC Gas supply portfolio since it was restructured and diversified with several, relatively small long-term contracts in 1991.

The cogeneration market is a continuing one for long-term gas in both Canada and the U.S. This market experienced rapid growth in the late 1980's and early 1990's, has stabilized in recent years but, is expected to continue as an important market for Canadian gas under long-term contracts. The term of a typical contract with a cogeneration plant is about 15 years.

More recently, U.S. gas marketers have emerged as a new market for gas purchased under long-term contracts. To the extent that they can offer gas producers assured access to long-term markets on terms attractive to both sellers and the buyers, the volume of gas contracted to U.S. marketers is expected to grow. The term of these contracts will likely be ten years or less.

The annual volume of gas contracted under long-term agreements today is approximately 58 billion cubic metres (2,050 billion cubic feet). This total is expected to decline sharply over the next decade to approximately 13.3 billion cubic metres (470 billion cubic feet). By the year 2007, almost all gas sold under long-term contracts may be sold to cogenerators and U.S. marketers.

Terms and Conditions

When deregulation was first implemented in the mid-1980's, there was considerable uncertainty among both buyers and sellers with respect to how different buyers and sellers would perform under contracts, particularly new buyers and sellers that were entering the market. In the face of this uncertainty, parties negotiating long-term contracts during the late 1980's and early 1990's often contracted conservatively, securing the other party's commitments through onerous or multiple penalty clauses that could be invoked in the event of contract failure.

In the early years following deregulation, there was little information available with respect to short or long-term gas prices. The pricing terms of long-term export contracts were either complex formulas based on alternative fuels such as oil products or U.S. pipeline and LDC weighted average cost of gas. The price of gas purchased under long-term contracts by Canadian LDCs was typically renegotiated each year, a difficult and time consuming exercise.

Since the early 1990's, much greater confidence in both Canadian and U.S. short-term gas markets has developed. Markets have become very liquid both in terms of the volumes of gas that are traded and the number of independent parties participating in the market. In addition, accurate and timely market information, including pricing information, is readily available to all parties. NYMEX futures contracts have become widely accepted as indicators of the price of gas to be delivered over future

periods at specific delivery points.

In response to these changes, most parties negotiating long-term contracts in recent years have indexed the price of gas to either U.S. or Canadian short-term or spot gas prices. The choice of U.S. or Canadian spot prices usually depends on the delivery point and the buyer's alternative sources of gas supply.

Since 1993, the annually-negotiated pricing terms of most long-term contracts to supply Canadian LDCs have been amended. Today, most long-term prices are indexed to Alberta spot prices at either Empress or AECO "C"/NIT¹. A smaller number of contracts were amended to include a NYMEX based index less an Empress basis differential. In B.C., much of the long-term gas is priced against the spot price of gas at Sumas or NYMEX less a Sumas basis differential.

Cogeneration contracts have a variety of pricing terms. Many contracts have prices that are fixed for the full term of the agreement or, more commonly, a fixed price with an annual escalator. Other cogeneration contracts are indexed to fuel oil, coal and spot gas prices.

As long-term contract prices became more market sensitive, they began to track the market much more closely and, as spot markets in both Canada and the U.S. became increasingly liquid, it has become less important to secure the buyer's and the seller's performance under long-term contracts through onerous penalty clauses. Today's contracts are often simpler than contracts negotiated in the late 1980's and early 1990's. The trend is towards contract terms under which the seller and buyer simply indemnify the other party against the out-of-pocket expenses or liquidated damages incurred in the event of a failure to either deliver or purchase for reasons other than force majeure.

Given the interest in risk management by sellers and buyers, there is also a trend towards greater standardization of long-term contracts to facilitate hedging activity in the financial or the over-the-counter market. It is expected that this trend will continue.

¹ **AECO "C"**: A gas storage site adjacent to the NOVA Gas Transmission system, 100 kilometres west of Empress. **NIT**: A NOVA Inventory Transfer is an exchange or transfer of title of gas that has been received into the NOVA pipeline system but not yet delivered to a connecting pipeline.

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NEB APPROVES TRANSCANADA POWER CORP.'S APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT AN INTERNATIONAL POWER LINE

CALGARY - The National Energy Board announced today that it has approved an application by TransCanada Power Corp. (TPC) of Calgary to construct and operate an international power line.

In an application dated 24 September 1996, TransCanada Power Corp. applied to the Board to authorize construction of a 69 kilovolt international power line originating in the United States and extending approximately 15 kilometres across the international boundary from a point near Wild Horse, Alberta. The proposed power line will extend northward for approximately 12.8 kilometres along the eastern edge of the easement of Alberta Highway No. 41 before turning westerly for approximately 1.6 kilometres along a new access road to the Wild Horse station at the Express Pipeline.

The facility will enable TransCanada Power Corp. to transmit power from the international border to service the electric motors and auxiliary facilities at the Express Pipeline, Wild Horse Pump Station. The capital cost of the Canadian portion of the proposed power line is estimated at \$725,000.

No party raised objections to the construction and physical operation of the power line, nor expressed environmental concerns in this proceeding.

TransCanada Power Corp. is wholly-owned by TransCanada Energy Management Limited which, in turn, is wholly-owned by TransCanada PipeLines Limited of Calgary. During the processing of this application, TPC's name was changed to TransCanada Energy Ltd.

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NEB APPROVES PANCANADIAN APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application by PanCanadian Petroleum Limited (PanCanadian) of Calgary for an order requiring Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) to transport natural gas liquids (NGL) for PanCanadian from Kerrobert, Saskatchewan.

PanCanadian stated in its application that its new gas processing plant at Empress, Alberta was to be placed in service in September 1996. The company plans to transport the natural gas liquids extracted from the Empress plant to Kerrobert, where it wants IPL to accept delivery for transportation on the IPL pipeline system.

A public hearing was held in Calgary in November 1996.

In its decision the Board approved the application by PanCanadian. However, the Board said it remains concerned about the broader issue of open access to IPL for all potential NGL shippers. Therefore, the Board is encouraging IPL and the NGL industry to cooperate in devising a long-term solution which will provide the necessary services of receipt, transportation and delivery of all NGL offered for transportation on IPL by all potential NGL shippers. The Board is directing IPL to file a report with it on or before 2 September 1997 which will detail the outcome of such cooperative efforts.

The Board also says that if IPL and the NGL industry are unsuccessful at arriving at a long-term solution which adequately addresses the access issue, then consideration would be given to exercising a range of options available to it, in order to address the issue of open access for all potential NGL shippers to IPL. At that time, the Board would consider and take any appropriate measures.

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NEB ORDERS 10 PER CENT PRESSURE REDUCTION FOR SECTION OF TRANSCANADA PIPELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has directed TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary to reduce the operating pressure on a section of its pipeline in northern Ontario until safety of the pipeline is verified. The reduction is to 90 per cent of the line's maximum operating pressure.

The Board ordered the pressure reduction to take effect immediately on a section of TransCanada's Line 100-1 between Falcon Lake, Manitoba, west of the Manitoba/Ontario border and Ignace, Ontario, east of Dryden. The section is between mainline valves 45 and 58 and is 274.45 kilometres (170 miles) long. The company had earlier lowered the pressure by five per cent on a smaller section of 81.72 kilometres (51 miles). The area includes a section near Stewart Lake where a line break on 11 December 1996 caused a pipeline explosion. The line break was caused by general corrosion. Subsequent hydrostatic testing in the area revealed other serious corrosion.

In ordering a further reduction in pressure and on a longer section of pipeline, the Board said in a letter to TransCanada that this is in the spirit of the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) requirement to implement measures to prevent the occurrence of leaks and breaks until the cause of a failure is addressed.

The pressure is to be reduced until 31 May 1997 or until such time as the integrity of the pipeline is confirmed. This will be done through procedures such as hydrostatic testing and electronic internal inspection.

The pressure reduction is not expected to have an effect on firm service shippers since the company has the flexibility to manage the situation without disruption to these shippers.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS

Calgary - The National Energy Board has received nine applications for 10-year licences to export in aggregate of some 29.3 billion cubic metres (1 032.7 billion cubic feet) of natural gas.

Coastal Gas Marketing Company applied for a licence to export, near St. Clair, Ontario, some 1.4 million cubic metres (49 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. Coastal will use the natural gas to serve its Michigan and Northeast markets. Coastal will purchase the natural gas from Canadian Natural Resources Limited, Petro-Canada, Pinnacle Resources Ltd., Rio Alto Exploration Ltd. and Tarragon Oil & Gas Limited.

Coastal Gas Marketing Company applied for a licence to export, near Emerson, Manitoba, some 864 000 cubic metres (30.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. Coastal will use the natural gas to serve its markets in the Gulf Coast area and also the Northeast and Midwest markets accessing supply in the U.S. Gulf Coast area. Coastal will purchase the natural gas from Canadian Natural Resources Limited., Enerplus Energy Marketing Inc., Pinnacle Resources Ltd., Ranger Oil Limited, Rio Alto Exploration Ltd. and Tri Link Resources Ltd.

CoEnergy Trading Company applied for a licence to export, near Emerson, Manitoba and Highwater, Quebec, some 2.3 million cubic metres (80 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be added to CoEnergy's supply portfolio for its markets in Michigan and elsewhere, including markets to be served by the proposed Portland Natural Gas Transmission System. CoEnergy will purchase the natural gas from AEC Oil & Gas Partnership, Suncor Inc. and Gulf Canada Resources Limited. CoEnergy also applied for a 10-year order to import natural gas into Canada at St. Clair, Ontario for subsequent export at Highwater, Quebec.

Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. applied for a licence to export, near Monchy, Saskatchewan, some 1.1 million cubic metres (40 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas exported will form part of Enron's overall corporate gas supply portfolio. Enron will purchase the natural gas from Canadian Natural Resources Ltd, Penn West Petroleum, Pinnacle Resources Ltd. and Rigel Oil & Gas Ltd.

Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. applied for a licence to export, near Emerson, Manitoba, some 850 000 cubic metres (30 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas exported will form part of Enron's overall corporate gas supply portfolio. Enron will purchase the natural gas from Beau Canada Exploration Ltd., Canadian Natural Resources Ltd., Pinnacle Resources Ltd. and Rigel Oil & Gas Ltd.

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Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. applied to export, near Niagara Falls, Ontario, some 256 400 cubic metres (9.1 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas exported will form part of Enron's overall corporate gas supply portfolio. Enron will purchase the natural gas from Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.

Ranger Oil Limited applied for a licence to export, near Niagara Falls, Ontario, some 141 600 cubic metres (5.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. Ranger will sell the natural gas to Coastal Gas Marketing Company to serve its market in the U.S. Northeast. The natural gas to be exported will be produced from Ranger's corporate supply pool in British Columbia.

United States Gypsum Company applied for a licence to export, near Chippawa and Niagara Falls, Ontario, some 384 200 cubic metres (13.6 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be used by Gypsum at its plants located at Oakfield and Stony Point, New York, Gypsum, Ohio and Bridgeport, Alabama. Gypsum will purchase the natural gas from Husky Oil Operations Ltd.

Westcoast Gas Services Inc. applied for a licence to export, near Emerson, Manitoba, some 715 000 cubic metres (25.2 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to Westcoast Gas Services (U.S.A.) Inc. to serve its markets in the Midwest and Northeast U.S. The natural gas will be purchased from Apache Canada Ltd., Beau Canada Exploration Ltd., Rigel Oil and Gas Ltd. and Talisman Energy Inc.

The Board will announce at a later date how it will proceed to consider the applications.

NOTE TO EDITORS: See the attached table for more information on the applications.

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APPLIED-FOR VOLUMES

Exporter/Importer	Daily 10 ³ m ³ (MMcf)	Annual 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Term 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Duration
Coastal/Coastal (St. Clair)	1 400.0 (49.0)	511.0 (18.0)	5 110.0 (180.0)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
Coastal/Coastal (Emerson)	864.0 (30.5)	316.0 (11.1)	3 160.0 (111.0)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
CoEnergy/CoEnergy (emerson and Highwater)	2 266.2 (80.0)	827.2 (29.2)	8 272.0 (292.0)	1 Nov. 1998 1 Nov. 2008
Enron/Enron (Monchy)	1 133.2 (40.0)	413.7 (14.6)	4 137.0 (146.0)	1 Nov. 1998 1 Nov. 2008
Enron/Enron (Emerson)	850.0 (30.0)	311.0 (11.0)	3 110.0 (110.0)	1 Nov. 1998 1 Nov. 2008
Enron/Enron (Niagara Falls)	256.4 (9.1)	93.6 (3.3)	936.0 (33.1)	1 Nov. 1998 1 Nov. 2008
Ranger/Coastal (Niagara Falls)	141.6 (5.0)	51.7 (1.9)	517.0 (19.0)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2007
US Gypsum/US Gypsum (Chippawa and Niagara Falls)	384.2 (13.6)	140.2 (4.9)	1 402.3 (49.5)	1 Nov. 1998 1 Nov. 2008
Westcoast/Westcoast (U.S.A.) (Emerson)	715.0 (25.2)	261.0 (9.2)	2 609.8 (92.1)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
Total	8 010.6 (282.4)	2 925.4 (103.2)	29 254.1 (1 032.7)	

Measurements:
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NEB APPROVES FEDERATED PIPELINE APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application from Federated Pipe Lines (Northern) Ltd. (Federated Northern) of Calgary to construct and operate an oil and natural gas liquids pipeline from Taylor, British Columbia to Belloy, Alberta.

The applied-for facilities consist of approximately 172 kilometres (106 miles) of 273.1 millimetre (10 inch) diameter pipeline to transport crude oil, segregated condensate, ethane plus and propane plus from facilities at Taylor to an interconnection with a proposed pipeline at Belloy.

Construction of the pipeline is scheduled to commence in Summer 1997 with planned completion in the Winter of 1997/1998, and startup scheduled for Spring 1998. The pipeline will have an initial delivery capacity of 8 250 cubic metres (52,000 barrels) per day. The company estimates the capital costs of constructing the pipeline at approximately \$40.8 million.

The approval follows a public hearing held 24 to 27 February 1997 in Calgary.

Federated Northern is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Federated Pipe Lines Ltd., which is indirectly owned 50 per cent by Imperial Oil and 50 per cent by Anderson Exploration Ltd.

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NEB REQUESTS COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR ALLIANCE PIPELINE PROJECT

CALGARY -- In response to a preliminary submission that was filed by Alliance Pipeline Ltd. ("Alliance") at year-end 1996, the National Energy Board ("the Board") has initiated the scoping of the environmental assessment that will be required under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* ("CEAA") in respect of the Canadian portion of the proposed Alliance Pipeline project.

The Board is requesting comments from the public on a draft scope for the environmental assessment to be completed by Alliance. This draft scope has been developed in consultation with other federal departments and agencies. Written comments are to be filed with the Secretary by 16 May 1997.

Alliance plans to apply to the Board in mid-1997 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the Canadian portion of a natural gas transmission pipeline that would extend from northwestern Alberta to the Chicago, Illinois area. The pipeline would have an initial throughput capacity of up to 37.3 million cubic metres per day when completed in late 1999, at a total capital cost of about \$3.6 billion (Canadian). The Canadian portion of the project would include the construction of approximately 1600 kilometres of 914 millimetre diameter mainline and eight mainline compressor stations.

An information package containing the draft scope and relevant background material may be obtained by contacting the Board. All documents related to the environmental assessment are available in a public registry accessible through the Board's Library.

The scoping exercise is intended to provide a framework for Alliance's environmental assessment and involves a determination of the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed, and the scope of those factors. Prior to making these determinations, the Board is seeking comments from interested persons on a draft scope that has been prepared in consultation with other federal departments and agencies.

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BACKGROUNDER

The National Energy Board is embarking on a scoping process for the environmental assessment to be conducted into the proposed Alliance Pipeline project to meet its obligations under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* ("CEAA"). When the Board is a responsible authority under the CEAA, it is responsible for determining the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed (in conjunction with the Minister of the Environment), and the scope of those factors.

The scope of the project would include a combination of those activities and undertakings that would make up the project. The factors to be assessed would be those identified in subsections 16(1) and 16(2) of the CEAA, such as the environmental effects of the project, the significance of the effects, and any other matters considered relevant. The scope of the factors would include a determination of the environmental components which will be assessed, such as wildlife, soils, and hydrology, as well as the spatial and temporal (distance and time) boundaries associated with those components. The final scoping determinations will provide a framework for the environmental assessment to be conducted by Alliance.

In the spirit of the proposed *Regulations Respecting the Coordination by Federal Authorities of Environmental Assessment Procedures and Requirements*, the Board consulted with other federal authorities on this matter before issuing the draft scope for public comment.

Section 55 of the CEAA requires that a responsible authority maintain a public registry containing all records produced, collected, or submitted with respect to the environmental assessment of a project. The Board is fulfilling this obligation by maintaining a public registry accessible through its library and containing Alliance's preliminary submission and all subsequent correspondence relating to the environmental assessment, including that exchanged among the various federal authorities.

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NEB APPROVES APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS

Calgary - The National Energy Board has approved five applications to export some 9.5 billion cubic metres (333.4 billion cubic feet) of natural gas for periods ranging from 10 to 16 years.

The Board issued licences to the following:

Coastal Gas Marketing Company for export near Iroquois, Ontario to serve its northeast United States markets (suppliers: Rio Alto Exploration Ltd., Pinnacle Resources Ltd. and Jordan Petroleum Ltd);

Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. for export near Niagara Falls, Ontario to serve its northeast United States markets (suppliers: Beau Canada Exploration Ltd., Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. and Ranger Oil Limited);

PanEnergy Marketing Limited Partnership for export near Niagara Falls, Ontario to PanEnergy Trading and Market Services, LLC to supply its northeast United States markets (suppliers: Beau Canada Exploration Ltd. and Pinnacle Resources Ltd);

ProGas Limited (three licences) as follows:

- for export near Emerson, Manitoba to ProGas U.S.A. who will resell the gas to Great Plains Natural Gas Company, a local distribution company in Fergus Falls, Minnesota;
- for export near Emerson, Manitoba to ProGas U.S.A. who will resell the gas to the City of Perham, Minnesota; and,
- for export near Iroquois, Ontario to ProGas U.S.A. to serve its northeast United States markets.

(All the natural gas will be supplied from ProGas' corporate supply pool.)

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United States Gypsum Company for export near Emerson, Manitoba to serve its plants located at Cloquet, Minnesota, Detroit, Michigan, Fort Dodge, Indiana and Sperry, Iowa (supplier: Renaissance Energy Ltd.).

The Board considered the applications by way of written hearing.

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Exporter/Importer	Daily 10 ³ m ³ (MMcf)	Annual 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Term 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Duration
Coastal/Coastal	396.6 (14.0)	145.0 (5.1)	1 450.0 (51.0)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2007
Enron/Enron	435.9 (15.4)	159.0 (5.6)	1 590.0 (56.0)	1 Nov. 1997 1 Nov. 2007
PanEnergy/PanEnergy Trading	246.5 (8.7)	90.0 (3.2)	899.7 (31.9)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2007
ProGas/ProGas USA/Great Plains	225.0 (7.9)	41.4 (1.5)		1 May 1997 31 Oct. 1997
	370.0 (13.1)	135.3 (4.8)	2 071.3 (73.1)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2012
ProGas/ProGas USA/Perham	67.0 (2.4)	12.3 (0.4)		1 May 1997 31 Oct. 1997
	67.0 (2.4)	24.4 (0.9)	378.3 (13.4)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2012
ProGas/ProGas USA	458.0 (16.2)	167.2 (5.9)	1 672.0 (59.0)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2007
US Gypsum/US Gypsum	382.4 (13.5)	139.6 (4.9)	1 395.8 (49.0)	1 Nov. 1997 1 Nov. 2007
Total	2 356.4 (83.3)	860.5 (30.4)	9 457.1 (333.4)	

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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD RELEASES 1996 ANNUAL REPORT

Calgary - The Honourable A. Anne McLellan, Minister of Natural Resources, on Friday tabled in Parliament the 1996 Annual Report of the National Energy Board.

The report reviews the Board's major regulatory activities, including decisions taken on natural gas, oil and electricity exports, pipeline construction, tolls and tariffs and certain frontier activities. It also provides an overview of energy consumption, production, exports and imports over the last five years.

The Board reports that crude oil production set a new record of 317.6 thousand cubic metres (2 million barrels) per day in 1996, surpassing the previous record set in 1973. This marks a significant success for the oil producing industry which has increased heavy crude production by 45 percent in the last five years, while largely maintaining production levels of light crude. Natural gas production and exports also reached record levels in 1996 of 158.2 billion cubic metres (5.6 trillion cubic feet) and 80.7 billion cubic metres (2.85 trillion cubic feet) respectively. Natural gas, petroleum and electricity exports generated almost \$24 billion in gross export revenue or almost \$15 billion on a net basis.

Some of the regulatory highlights noted in the report include:

- Approval of a multi-year negotiated settlement between TransCanada PipeLines Ltd. and its shippers. By the end of 1996, the rates on most of the major pipelines under the Board's jurisdiction were subject to some kind of negotiated incentive settlement. These settlements reduce the cost of regulation and provide important incentives to pipelines to operate more efficiently.
- An intensive inquiry into Stress Corrosion Cracking on Canadian oil and natural gas pipelines after which the Board adopted 27 recommendations to promote public safety.
- Approval of the Express Pipeline, the first major new oil pipeline out of Western Canada in 45 years.
- Negotiation of an agreement with federal and provincial parties for a joint public review of the proposed Sable Gas Projects, which include production of natural gas in the Sable Island area, processing and transportation to domestic and export markets.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATION FROM AMOCO TO CONSTRUCT NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Amoco Canada Petroleum Ltd. (Amoco) on behalf of Dome Kerrobert Pipeline Ltd. and PanCanadian Kerrobert Pipeline Ltd. to construct and operate a natural gas liquids (NGLs) pipeline in southwestern Saskatchewan.

Amoco is applying to construct a 155 kilometre (96 mile) 273.1 millimetre (10 inch) natural gas liquids pipeline extending from the NGL extraction plants at Empress, Alberta to Interprovincial Pipeline Ltd.'s Kerrobert pump station, located in Saskatchewan. The liquids pipeline transports all of the natural gas liquids from the Amoco, Empress Gas Liquids Joint Venture and PanCanadian plants and a portion of the liquids produced at the Petro-Canada plant.

The expansion project is to twin the existing 219.1 millimetre (eight inch) pipeline to meet forecasted increases in NGL production from the Empress extraction facilities. The new pipeline will increase throughput capability for NGLs by approximately 7 937 cubic metres (28,029 cubic feet) per day to 18 577 cubic metres (65,603 cubic feet) per day from 10 640 cubic metres (37,574 cubic feet) per day.

Amoco estimates the capital cost of the project to be \$23.05 million. The projected in-service date for the expanded facilities is November 1997.

The Board will announce at a later date how it will handle the application.

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NEB APPROVES MULTI-YEAR TOLLS AGREEMENT FOR TRANS QUÉBEC & MARITIMES PIPELINE INC.

CALGARY - The National Energy Board has approved a multi-year tolls agreement for Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc. (TQM) of Montreal.

TQM filed an application on 24 January 1997 for approval of an incentive-based settlement negotiated by the company and interested parties. The multi-year tolls agreement forms the basis for the calculation of TQM's revenue requirement for a five-year period from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001. It also provides for a yearly tolls application procedure to be followed during the term of the Agreement.

The approved settlement provides for a revenue requirement of \$65, 926, 000 and an overall rate of return on rate base of 9.85% for the 1997 Test Year.

TQM is jointly owned by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary and Gaz Métropolitain and Company, Limited Partnership of Montreal. The Company's pipeline system extends from a point of interconnection with the TransCanada system at Saint-Lazare, Quebec to a point on the South Shore of Quebec City at Bernières, Quebec.

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NEB APPROVES NOVAGAS PIPELINE APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application from Novagas Clearinghouse Pipelines Ltd. (NCPL) to construct and operate a natural gas liquids (NGL) pipeline from northeastern British Columbia into Alberta.

The company will be constructing approximately 58 kilometres (35 miles) of 219.1 millimetre (eight inch) NGL pipeline with associated pumping and metering facilities from a proposed Novagas Clearinghouse Ltd. (NCL) straddle plant at Taylor, British Columbia to connect to a proposed NCL gathering system in Alberta. The planned facilities, known as the Taylor-Boundary Lake Liquids Pipeline Project, will enable NGL including ethane, butane and condensate to be delivered to NCL's proposed NGL gathering system and ultimately to storage and fractionation facilities near Redwater, Alberta.

NCPL estimates the capital cost of the project at \$8 million. The company plans for construction to begin in two phases starting in mid 1997, with an in-service date of 1 April 1998.

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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD ANNOUNCES REORGANIZATION

CALGARY - The National Energy Board announced today the reorganization of its internal structure into five new Business Units. The change in organizational structure creates a streamlined regulatory agency that is even better able to provide regulatory decisions that are fair, objective and respected.

"I am confident that the internal reorganization and the transformation which it entails will produce a dynamic organization that is more efficient, cost-effective, and flexible" said Roland Priddle, Chairman of the National Energy Board. "Further, a strong team emphasis will enable the Board to lead and adapt to ongoing changes."

Five Leaders have been chosen to strategically manage their respective Business Units. With Gaétan Caron, the Executive Director, they form the Board's Executive Team:

Business Unit Responsibilities (among others)

Applications - application assessment and process relating to facilities, tolls and exports including environmental assessments and financial surveillance.

Operations - pipeline safety and environmental monitoring, and all matters related to exploration and production in Frontier areas.

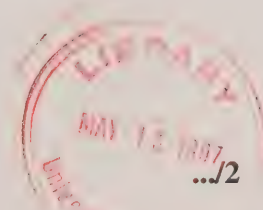
Commodities - reserves assessment, market studies, electricity, supply and demand projections, and industry monitoring.

Business Leaders

Brenda Kenny

John McCarthy

Terry Rochefort



Information Management - records management, computer services, the library, regulatory operations and corporate communications.

Scott Richardson

Corporate Services - human resources, financial and administrative advice to the Board.

Sylvia Farrant.

The National Energy Board is an independent federal regulatory agency that was established by Parliament in 1959. The Board regulates specific aspects of the energy industry. Its responsibilities include the construction and operation of international and interprovincial pipelines and designated powerlines; traffic, tolls and tariffs; exports of oil, natural gas and electricity; imports of natural gas; and Frontier oil and gas activities.

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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMOCO'S KERROBERT PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application from Amoco Canada Petroleum Ltd. (Amoco) on behalf of Dome Kerrobert Pipeline Ltd. and PanCanadian Kerrobert Pipeline Ltd. to expand its Kerrobert natural gas liquids (NGL) pipeline and related facilities in southwestern Saskatchewan.

The hearing will begin on Monday, 16 June 1997 at 9 a.m. in the Board's hearing room.

Interventions must be filed with the Board by 14 May 1997.

Amoco is applying to construct a 155 kilometre (96 mile) 273.1 millimetre (10 inch) natural gas liquids pipeline extending from the NGL extraction plants at Empress, Alberta to Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc.'s transmission line at Kerrobert, Saskatchewan. The liquids pipeline transports all of the natural gas liquids from the Amoco, Empress Gas Liquids Joint Venture and PanCanadian extraction plants plus a portion of the liquids produced at the Petro-Canada plant.

The expansion project is to twin the existing 219.1 millimetre (eight inch) pipeline to meet forecasted increases in NGL production from the Empress extraction facilities. The new pipeline will increase throughput capability for NGLs by approximately 7 937 cubic metres (50,000 barrels) per day to 18 577 cubic metres (117,000 barrels) per day from 10 640 cubic metres (67,000 barrels) per day.

Amoco estimates the capital cost of the project to be approximately \$23 million. The projected in-service date for the expanded facilities is November 1997.

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NEB RECEIVES AN APPLICATION FROM TRANS QUEBEC & MARITIMES PIPELINE INC. TO CONSTRUCT A PIPELINE

Calgary - The National Energy Board has received an application from Trans Quebec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc. (TQM) to construct a natural gas pipeline, to be known as the "PNGTS Expansion", from Lachenaie, Quebec to the New Hampshire border near Pittsburg, U.S.A.

TQM is applying to construct approximately 213.2 kilometres (132.2 miles) of 610 millimetre (24 inch) outside diameter pipeline from Lachenaie, Quebec to the Canada/U.S. border near East Hereford, Quebec. TQM is also requesting approval to install, for the first year of operation, a 7.0 megawatt electric motor driven compressor unit at Lachenaie and two meter stations, one at Waterloo and one at East Hereford. In the second year of operation, TQM proposes to install an additional 3.2 megawatt electric motor driven compressor unit at East Hereford and one gas aftercooler unit at Lachenaie. The estimated costs of the project is \$270 million and the proposed in-service date is 1 November 1998.

TQM stated that the additional facilities from Lachenaie to East Hereford will be required to provide transportation services requested by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) to transport natural gas to Portland Natural Gas Transmission System to supply markets in the U.S. Northeast. TQM further stated that the proposed facilities will also be required to respond to significant additional market requirements by Gaz Métropolitain and Company Limited Partnership (Gaz Métropolitain), of Montreal, for the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

Beginning 1 November 1998, 4.3 million cubic metres (152.2 million cubic feet) per day would be delivered at East Hereford to supply markets in the U.S. Northeast and 1.7 million cubic metres (60.0 million cubic feet) per day would be delivered at Waterloo to supply markets in the Eastern Townships. In the second year of operation the deliveries would increase to 5.9 million cubic metres (210.0 million cubic feet) per day for East Hereford and to 2.1 million cubic metres (75.0 million cubic feet) per day for Waterloo.

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TQM is jointly owned by Gaz Métropolitain and TransCanada. TQM operates natural gas transportation facilities extending from the point of interconnection with the TransCanada system in Saint-Lazare, through to Saint-Nicolas, Quebec. Gaz Métropolitain will act as project manager with respect to this application.

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NEB RECEIVES IPL LINE 9 PIPELINE REVERSAL APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) of Edmonton, Alberta to reverse the direction of flow in the company's pipeline between Montreal, Quebec and Sarnia, Ontario. The pipeline is known as IPL's Line 9.

The company is proposing to reverse the flow of the line from east to west which will allow it to carry imported crude oil to major refining centres in Ontario from the Portland/Montreal Pipeline system.

IPL estimates the capital cost of reversing the flow on the 832 kilometre (517 mile) system to be approximately \$89 million. Capacity of the line will increase to 38 160 cubic metres (240,000 barrels) per day in later years from the current 25 400 cubic metres (160,000 barrels) per day. Four refining companies representing a large segment of Ontario's refining capacity have committed to utilize the line. They are Imperial Oil, Petro-Canada, Shell Canada Limited and NOVA Chemicals (Canada) Ltd.

IPL plans an in-service date of 1 April 1998 for the reversal.

IPL owns and operates an oil pipeline transportation system extending from Edmonton to the international boundary at Gretna, Manitoba and from the international boundary near Sarnia to locations in Ontario and Quebec.

The NEB will announce at a later date the procedure to be followed for this application.

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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRANSCANADA PIPELINES' 1997 TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary for tolls the company may charge, effective 1 January 1997 for the transportation of natural gas to markets in Canada and the United States. TransCanada has been operating on interim tolls since 1 January 1997 while awaiting a settlement through its Incentive Cost Recovery and Revenue Sharing Settlement.

The public hearing will take place beginning Monday, 28 July 1997 at a time and place to be determined and announced later.

Interventions are required to be filed with the Board by 9 June 1997.

The Board received a letter of complaint on 15 April 1997 from The Consumers' Gas Company Ltd. (Consumers') regarding the allocation units used by TransCanada to calculate tolls. Consumers' indicated that it wished to negotiate with TransCanada to resolve the matter. However, Consumers' advised the Board that a resolution could not be reached on this matter.

In addition, the Board also received an application from TransCanada for approval to enter into a combination of storage, balancing and transportation contracts, and to purchase "start up" gas to replace the Firm Service Tendered (FST) service which Consumers' and Union Gas Limited have elected to convert to Firm Service (FT) from FST.

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The Board therefore decided to hold a public hearing on these issues as well as any questions regarding the revisions to TransCanada's 1997 tolls application. TransCanada's rate of return on common equity of 10.67 per cent for 1997 has already been approved by the Board.

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NEB RECEIVES NEXUS PIPELINE APPLICATION FROM TRANSCANADA PIPELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary to construct and operate new pipeline facilities for 1998.

TransCanada plans to construct and install approximately 371 kilometres (231 miles) of pipeline looping and install additional metering at four stations, 11 new compressors and various other related facilities as phase one of its multi-year NEXUS expansion program.

The planned phase one expansion will convert 4 255 million cubic metres (150.2 billion cubic feet) of FST annual contract quantity to approximately 11.7 million cubic metres (412 million cubic feet) per day of Firm Transportation (FT) service. The expansion will also provide a total of approximately 12.3 million cubic metres (436 million cubic feet) per day of new Firm Transportation service from Empress, Alberta beginning 1 November 1998, of which 13.4 per cent would be for domestic customers in Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, while the remainder would be for export. It will also provide a total of 567 thousand cubic metres (20 million cubic feet) per day of new short haul Firm Transportation service from St. Clair, Ontario to East Hereford, Quebec beginning 1 November 1998.

TransCanada estimates the capital construction cost of the project to be \$1.1 billion.

The Board will announce at a later date the process it will follow in respect of this application.

TransCanada operates a natural gas transmission system consisting of approximately 14 274 kilometres (8,871 miles) of pipeline extending from Alberta through Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and a portion of Quebec.

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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING FOR WESTCOAST 1997 TOLLS APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application from Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) of Vancouver for gathering, processing and mainline transmission services tolls the company may charge for the period 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001. In this application Westcoast is also seeking approval of incentive-based methodologies for setting tolls over the same period.

The hearing will begin Monday, 23 June 1997 at 9 a.m. at the Landmark Hotel and Conference Center, 1400 Robson Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Persons wishing to intervene must notify the Board by 2 June 1997.

Westcoast filed an amended application for final 1997 tolls dated 20 May 1997. The amended application reflects a multi-year incentive toll settlement negotiated between the company, its shippers and other stakeholders concerning tolls and tolling methodologies. The company has been operating on interim tolls since 1 January 1997.

The hearing will also address issues related to the recovery of expenditures incurred by Westcoast in the Fort St. John and Grizzly Valley expansion projects.

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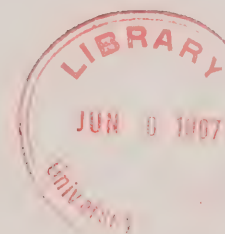
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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING FOR IPL LINE 9 REVERSAL PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application from Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) of Edmonton to reverse the direction of flow in the company's pipeline between Montreal, Quebec and Sarnia, Ontario. The pipeline is known as IPL's Line 9.

Phase one of the public hearing will begin on 5 August 1997 in the Board's hearing room in Calgary and Phase two will begin on 11 August in London, Ontario at a location to be announced at a later date.

Persons wishing to intervene must do so by 19 June 1997.

The company is proposing to reverse the direction of flow in Line 9 which will allow crude oil to be transported in an east to west direction from Montreal to major refining centres in Ontario. The crude oil will be imported into Canada through the Portland/Montreal pipeline system.

IPL estimates the capital cost of reversing the flow on the 832 kilometre (517 mile) system to be approximately \$89 million. The company plans an in-service date of 1 April 1998 for the reversal.

IPL owns and operates an oil pipeline system extending from Edmonton to the international boundary near Gretna, Manitoba and from the international boundary near Sarnia to locations in Ontario and Quebec.

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JUDITH HANEBURY APPOINTED GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced the appointment of Judith Hanebury of Calgary as General Counsel. Ms. Hanebury will fill a position left vacant by the appointment of former General Counsel Judith Snider as a member of the Board.

Ms. Hanebury received her law degree from the University of Calgary in 1979 and her Masters Degree in Environmental and Natural Resources Law in 1991. She has practised law in both the private and public sectors. In private practice she focused on civil litigation during which she appeared before various courts and tribunals. She joined the National Energy Board's law branch in 1992 and has provided advice in relation to all areas within the mandate of the Board.

Her appointment as General Counsel is effective immediately.

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NEB RELEASES SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR ALLIANCE PIPELINE PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board ("the Board") has released the scope of the environmental assessment that will be required pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* ("CEAA") in respect of the Canadian portion of the proposed Alliance Pipeline Project.

The Board's scoping determination provides a framework for Alliance to prepare its environmental assessment of the project and was based on preliminary information filed by the company. Other relevant federal departments and agencies were consulted on the matter and comments from interested persons on a draft scope released in April 1997 were considered.

Alliance advised the Board in its preliminary submission that, while its pipeline would for the most part parallel existing rights-of-way, more than 75 kilometres of new right-of-way would likely be required. This would in turn trigger the comprehensive study provisions under the CEAA.

Alliance plans to apply shortly under the *National Energy Board Act* for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the Canadian portion of a natural gas transmission pipeline that would extend from northwestern Alberta to the Chicago, Illinois area. The pipeline would have an initial capacity of up to 37.3 million cubic metres (1.325 billion cubic feet) per day when completed in late 1999, at a total capital cost of about \$3.6 billion (Canadian). The Canadian portion of the project would include the construction of approximately 1 600 kilometres (1,000 miles) of 914 millimetre (36 inch) diameter mainline and eight mainline compressor stations. Lateral pipelines and associated compression facilities would also have to be constructed from prescribed gathering points in Alberta and British Columbia to the mainline.

If the application to be filed under the *National Energy Board Act* in respect of the Alliance Pipeline Project varies or further delineates the preliminary information filed by the company, the Board may need to reconsider the scope of the assessment to be undertaken. As well, the Minister of the Environment may vary the factors to be considered under paragraph 16(1)(e) of the CEAA if the Board decides to undertake a comprehensive study, or further consider the scope if the assessment is referred to a panel review. The Board considers it unlikely that it will consider whether or not the project should be referred to a panel review until a complete application is filed.

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BACKGROUNDER

The National Energy Board has conducted a scoping process for the environmental assessment to be conducted for the proposed Alliance Pipeline Project to meet its obligations under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* ("CEAA"). When the Board is a responsible authority under the CEAA, it is responsible for determining the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed (in conjunction with the Minister of the Environment), and the scope of those factors.

The scope of the project includes a combination of those activities and undertakings that would make up the project. The factors to be assessed are those identified in subsections 16(1) and 16(2) of the CEAA, such as the environmental effects of the project, the significance of the effects, and other relevant matters. The scope of the factors includes a determination of the environmental components which will be assessed, such as wildlife, soils, and hydrology, as well as the spatial and temporal (distance and time) boundaries associated with those components. The final scoping determinations provide a framework for the environmental assessment to be conducted by Alliance.

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NEB ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY WRITTEN PROCESS FOR TRANSCANADA PIPELINES APPLICATION FOR PHASE ONE OF ITS NEXUS PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board will hold a preliminary written proceeding for an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary to construct and operate new pipeline facilities for 1998.

TransCanada plans to construct and install approximately 371 kilometres (231 miles) of pipeline looping and install additional metering at four stations, 11 new compressors and various other related facilities as phase one of a planned multi-year expansion program, known as NEXUS.

The company estimates the capital construction cost of the project to be \$1.1 billion.

The Board has a responsibility under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) to determine the scope of the project for purposes of an environmental assessment and the Board is seeking the views of interested parties. This proceeding will also assist the Board in determining whether competition issues are relevant to the TransCanada application and whether the tolling methodology for the planned high-pressure line should be considered at the same time as the applied-for facilities.

Once the views have been received, the Board will announce the appropriate procedure for consideration of the application.

Persons wishing to intervene must do so by 10 July 1997.

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NEB RELEASES A NATURAL GAS MARKET ASSESSMENT REPORT ON PRODUCERS' RESPONSE TO CHANGING MARKET CONDITIONS

Calgary - The National Energy Board today issued a Natural Gas Market Assessment report entitled: *Producers' Response to Changing Market Conditions - 1992-1996*.

The study examines the response of natural gas producers in the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin to the changing gas market conditions over the period 1992-1996 and focuses on several aspects of this response. First, the levels of gas-directed activity within the producing sector over the 1992-1996 period are examined, including the relationship between price and activity levels. Second, the study provides an examination of underlying supply characteristics which have a bearing on producers' efforts to maintain and expand gas supply. Third, to provide a measure of the results of recent drilling, methods were developed to yield first estimates of gas reserves and productive capacity additions based on the latest available drilling statistics.

The study found that the producing sector has evolved into an efficient and highly competitive component of the gas marketplace, able to respond to changing market conditions. The sector has demonstrated its ability to ensure adequate supplies at fair market prices during a period of rapidly increasing demand.

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BACKGROUNDER - KEY OBSERVATIONS

Over the period 1992 to 1996, natural gas producers in the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin (WCSB) continued to adapt in an increasingly competitive, rapidly changing natural gas industry. Following deregulation in the mid-1980s, the excess of productive capacity over demand that was required in a regulated environment was gradually reduced. At the same time, domestic and export demand increased, while lower gas prices tempered the pace of development of additional productive capacity. By 1992, deliverability and demand within the WCSB were in relatively close balance, setting the stage for the price and activity cycle that would occur over the mid-1992 to mid-1995 period. Listed below are our key observations on how producers responded to changed circumstances:

- Increased competition with more volatile, generally lower gas prices forced producers to become more efficient, a move achieved in several ways:
 - by cost reduction through corporate restructuring, downsizing, optimization of property holdings, reduction in finding and development costs, and aggressively adopting new technology; and,
 - by a shift to a more short-term focus, as evidenced by the move to the "just in time" inventory management style.
- All of the activity indicators chosen (land sales, geophysics, drilling, well licensing) displayed a sharp, positive response to rising prices and a corresponding negative response to falling prices, albeit with a certain lag time between the price signal and the response.
- The underlying characteristics of supply appear to have changed. Producers are facing increasing numbers of well depletions, steepening production declines and decreasing average initial productivity per well.
- After 1994, a higher base level of activity was apparent. In 1995, there were 40 percent more gas wells drilled than in 1992, even though prices in those years were similar. This higher required level of drilling is thought to be due primarily to increased demand combined with declining well productivity and a corresponding need to bring on an increasing number of new wells. The need to replace reserves and the need to maintain cash flow are important considerations as well.
- With respect to the level of gas drilling activities, the key observations are:
 - drilling was focused primarily on development, and on the shallow gas areas in 1993 and 1994. Over this time period, some 65 percent of wells drilled were development wells, and of these development wells, 60 percent were in shallow gas areas, and
 - in 1995, with the need to add additional deliverability not as urgent, overall drilling activity decreased, and a greater emphasis was placed on exploration and development drilling in deeper horizons.

- There is an increasing reliance on the drilling and connection of new wells, with less reliance on older wells. From a pool perspective, the trend is to less reliance on older pools. In 1995, only 38 percent of new well connections were in pools greater than 20 years old, compared to 61 percent in 1985.
- The overall decline rate of producing gas wells is increasing each passing year and for Alberta stands at 18 per cent in 1995. This trend to steeper declines will likely continue, at least over the next 2 to 3 year period. This means that an increasing volume of additional deliverability must be connected, primarily through new wells, to offset this production decline, and deal with any increase in demand. It is estimated that some 3 500 to 4 000 wells will have to be drilled and connected annually in the WCSB, over the 1997 to 1998 period, to meet the anticipated level of demand.

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NEB RECEIVES AN APPLICATION FROM TRANS QUÉBEC & MARITIMES TO CONSTRUCT A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

Calgary - The National Energy Board has received an application from Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc. (TQM) to construct a natural gas pipeline from Saint-Nicolas, Quebec to the New Brunswick border.

TQM proposes to construct 262 kilometres (192 miles) of 610 millimetre (24 inch) pipeline from Saint-Nicolas, Quebec to the New Brunswick border. TQM also proposes to construct 13.5 kilometres (8.4 miles) of 406 millimetre (16 inch) looping from St. Nicolas to Augustin-de-Desmaures, Quebec, install three 7 megawatt electric compressor stations to transport additional volumes to East Hereford for delivery to Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS) and four meter stations for delivery of gas to Gaz Métropolitain and Company Limited Partnership's markets in Cabano, Rivière-du-Loup, La Pocatière and Montmagny, Quebec. The estimated cost of the projects is \$305.3 million and the proposed in-service date is 1 November 1999.

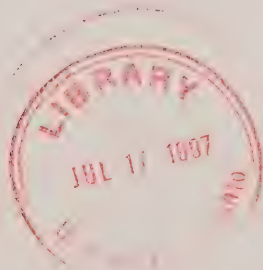
TQM said in its application that the facilities are required to provide service to be requested for transportation of Sable Island gas to Gaz Métropolitain's markets in Quebec, to The Consumers' Gas Company Ltd.'s markets in Ontario and to the U.S. Northeast markets via TQM's pipeline extension from Lachenaie to East Hereford.

In April 1997, TQM applied to construct approximately 213.2 kilometres (132.2 miles) of 610 millimetre (24 inch) pipeline from Lachenaie, Quebec to the Canada/U.S. border near East Hereford, Quebec (PNGTS Extension). The estimated costs of the project is \$270 million and the proposed in-service date is 1 November 1998. In August 1997, TransMaritime Gas Transmission Ltd. proposes to file an application to construct a pipeline from Goldboro, Nova Scotia to connect to the TQM pipeline system at the Quebec/New Brunswick border.

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NEB ANNOUNCES SUSPENSION OF PRELIMINARY WRITTEN PROCESS FOR TRANSCANADA PIPELINES 1998/99 FACILITIES APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received a letter, dated 27 June 1997, from TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) which states that it intends to revise its 1998/99 facilities application, filed with the Board on 13 May 1997.

In its 13 May 1997 application, TransCanada indicated that it planned to commence Phase 1 of its NEXUS project. The application included facilities that would eventually form part of a separate line capable of operating at higher pressures than on its existing system. TransCanada has informed the NEB that, upon revisiting the magnitude of capital costs associated with its application as filed, it has concluded that expanding its system conventionally for the 1998/99 contract year would be more prudent. TransCanada stated that it expects to file a revised application on 14 July 1997.

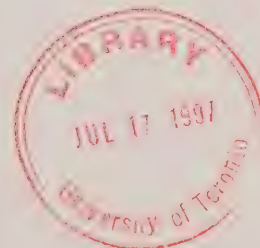
The Board had released a Notice of Proceeding on 20 June 1997 in which it requested comments from all interested parties on four questions in respect of the 13 May 1997 application. In light of TransCanada's letter, the Board has suspended the proceeding until after it has had an opportunity to consider the revised application. Parties who have filed interventions in accordance with the 20 June 1997 Notice of Proceeding will be included in the preliminary list of parties for any continued or subsequent proceeding in respect of TransCanada's application.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATION FROM ALLIANCE PIPELINE LTD.

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board ("the Board") has received an application from Alliance Pipeline Ltd. ("Alliance") for (i) a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the Canadian portion of a proposed natural gas transmission system from northeastern British Columbia and northwestern Alberta to the midwest United States and (ii) related toll and tariff authorizations.

The Canadian portion of the Alliance Pipeline Project would consist of (i) approximately 1565 kilometres (970 miles) of mainline and related facilities from a point near Gordondale, Alberta to a point on the Canada / U.S. border near Elmore, Saskatchewan and (ii) approximately 770 kilometres (480 miles) of lateral pipelines and related facilities in British Columbia and Alberta, at an estimated capital cost of \$1.9 billion. The U.S. portion of the mainline, to be constructed by Alliance Pipeline L.P., would extend approximately 1430 kilometres (890 miles) to the system's terminus near Chicago, Illinois. The Canadian and U.S. mainlines would be principally 914 millimetres (36 inches) in diameter and the Canadian laterals would range in size from 114 to 610 millimetres (4 to 24 inches).

The system would be capable of delivering 37.5 million cubic metres (1.325 billion cubic feet) of natural gas per day on a firm basis when completed in late 1999.

The application was made pursuant to the *National Energy Board Act* and is also intended to address the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. The scope of the environmental assessment required to be conducted by Alliance was released by the Board on 19 June 1997 based on preliminary information which had been filed by the company.

The Board will announce at a later date the process it will follow in respect of this application.

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NEW SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board is pleased to announce that Michel Mantha has won a national, government-wide competition and is the Board's new Secretary. The position was previously filled by Scott Richardson, who is now the Business Unit Leader, Information Management.

Mr. Mantha has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Carleton University and 16 years experience at the National Energy Board. He worked in the former Economics and Financial Regulation Branches until 1994, when he joined the Office of the Secretary as Assistant Secretary, Regulatory Services. He has also served as Acting Secretary since December 1996.

Mr. Mantha responsibilities as Secretary are effective immediately.

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NEB APPROVES AMOCO'S KERROBERT PIPELINE EXPANSION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application from Amoco Canada Petroleum Ltd. (Amoco) on behalf of Dome Kerrobert Pipeline Ltd. and PanCanadian Kerrobert Pipeline Ltd. to expand its Kerrobert natural gas liquids (NGL) pipeline and related facilities in southwestern Saskatchewan.

Amoco will construct a 155 kilometre (96 mile), 273.1 millimetre (10 inch) natural gas liquids pipeline extending from the NGL extraction plants at Empress, Alberta to Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc.'s transmission line at Kerrobert, Saskatchewan. The liquids pipeline transports all of the NGLs from the Amoco, the Empress Gas Liquids Joint Venture and the PanCanadian extraction plants, plus a portion of the liquids produced at the Petro-Canada plant.

The expansion project is to twin the existing 219.1 millimetre (eight inch) pipeline to meet forecasted increases in NGL production from the Empress extraction facilities. The new pipeline will increase throughput capability for NGLs by approximately 7 937 cubic metres (49,920 barrels) per day to 18 577 cubic metres (116,850 barrels) per day from 10 640 cubic metres (66,924 barrels) per day.

Amoco estimates the capital cost of the project to be approximately \$23 million. The projected in-service date for the expanded facilities is November 1997.

The Board's approval follows a public hearing held in Calgary on 16 June 1997.

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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING FOR 1998 PIPELINE FACILITIES APPLICATION FROM TRANSCANADA PIPELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing a revised application from TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary to construct and operate new pipeline facilities for 1998. The revised application replaces TransCanada's original Phase 1 NEXUS application which included pipeline facilities that would eventually form part of a separate line capable of operating at higher pressures than on its existing system.

In its revised application, TransCanada is applying for permission to construct approximately 359.4 kilometres (223 miles) of pipeline looping and install 11 new compressors, additional metering facilities at five stations and various other related facilities. The estimated capital cost of the proposed facilities is \$877.6 million.

The public hearing will be held in the Board's hearing room, 311 Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, beginning at 9 a.m. on 22 September 1997. Persons wishing to intervene must do so by 6 August 1997.

The 1998 facilities would permit TransCanada to convert 4 255 million cubic metres (150.2 billion cubic feet) of Firm Service Tendered annual contract quantity to approximately 11.7 million cubic metres (412 million cubic feet) per day of Firm Transportation service. The expansion would also provide a total of approximately 11.6 million cubic metres (410.8 million cubic feet) per day of new Firm Transportation service from Empress, Alberta beginning 1 November 1998, of which 14.2 percent would be for domestic customers in Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, while the remainder would be for export. It would also provide a total of approximately 1.3 million cubic metres (45 million cubic feet) per day of new short haul Firm Transportation service from St. Clair, Ontario to East Hereford, Quebec beginning 1 November 1998.

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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING FOR ISSUES RELATED TO TRANSCANADA PIPELINES' CONTRACT RENEWAL RIGHTS AND EXPANSION POLICY REQUIREMENTS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing the issue of TransCanada PipeLines Limited's (TransCanada) contract renewal rights provisions. It will also examine certain aspects of TransCanada's expansion policy requirements. These requirements concern the market and supply evidence to be provided by expansion shippers.

The Board originally intended to examine such issues in Phase 2 of a public hearing (RH-1-97). However, the Board decided to sever Phase 2 from the hearing and establish a separate hearing beginning 29 September 1997 in the Board's hearing room in Calgary. Parties to the RH-1-97 proceeding will automatically be included as parties to this hearing. Persons wishing to intervene must do so by 5 August 1997.

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NEB PUBLIC HEARING TO DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board is considering holding its next public hearing on applications for natural gas export licences in November 1997.

The Board has given notice to all potential applicants that completed applications must be filed on or before 28 August 1997 in order to be included in the November proceeding. Following the 28 August 1997 filing deadline, the Board will issue instructions on how it will proceed to deal with the applications received.

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NEB REQUESTS COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR TRANS QUÉBEC & MARITIMES' PIPELINE PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board ("the Board") has initiated the scoping of the environmental assessment that will be required under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* in respect of an application from Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc. ("TQM") to construct a natural gas pipeline from Lachenaie, Quebec to the New Hampshire border near Pittsburg, U.S.A. where the proposed pipeline facilities would interconnect with the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System ("PNGTS"). The project is known as the "PNGTS Extension".

The Board is requesting comments from the public on a draft scope of environmental assessment for the PNGTS Extension. This draft scope has been developed in consultation with other federal departments and agencies. Written comments are to be filed with the Secretary of the Board by 18 August 1997. An information package containing the draft scope and relevant background material may be obtained by contacting the Board.

The scoping exercise is intended to provide a framework for the environmental assessment of the PNGTS Extension and involves a determination of the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed, and the scope of those factors.

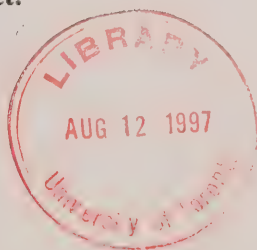
TQM applied to construct approximately 213.2 kilometres (132.2 miles) of 610-millimetre (24-inch) outside diameter pipeline from Lachenaie, Quebec to the Canada/U.S. border near East Hereford, Quebec. TQM is also requesting approval to install, for the first year of operation, a 7.0 megawatt electric motor driven compressor unit at Lachenaie and two meter stations, one at Waterloo and one at East Hereford. In the second year of operation, TQM proposes to install an additional 3.2 megawatt electric motor driven compressor unit at East Hereford and one gas aftercooler unit at Lachenaie. The estimated costs of the project is \$270 million and the proposed in-service date is 1 November 1998.

TQM is jointly owned by Gaz Métropolitain and TransCanada PipeLines Limited. TQM operates natural gas transportation facilities extending from the point of interconnection with the TransCanada system in Saint-Lazare, through to Saint-Nicolas, Quebec.

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BACKGROUND

The Board is embarking on a scoping process for the environmental assessment to be conducted into the proposed PNGTS Extension to meet its obligations under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* ("CEAA"). When the Board is a responsible authority under the CEAA, it is responsible for determining the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed and the scope of those factors. Environment Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Canadian Coast Guard) have notified the Board that they are also responsible authorities, and the Canadian Transportation Agency has informed the Board that it might become a responsible authority under the CEAA.

The scope of the project would include a combination of those activities and undertakings that would make up the project. The factors to be assessed would be those identified in subsections 16(1) and 16(2) of the CEAA, such as the environmental effects of the project, the significance of the effects, and any other matters considered relevant. The scope of the factors would include a determination of the environmental components which will be assessed, such as wildlife, soils, and hydrology, as well as the spatial and temporal (distance and time) boundaries associated with those components. The final scoping determinations will provide a framework for the environmental assessment for the PNGTS Extension.

In accordance with the *Regulations Respecting the Coordination by Federal Authorities of Environmental Assessment Procedures and Requirements*, the Board consulted with other federal authorities on this matter before issuing the draft scope for public comment.

Section 55 of the CEAA requires that a responsible authority maintain a public registry containing all records produced, collected, or submitted with respect to the environmental assessment of a project. The Board is fulfilling this obligation by maintaining a public registry accessible through its library and containing TQM's PNGTS Extension application and all subsequent correspondence relating to the environmental assessment, including that exchanged among the various federal authorities.

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NEB RECEIVES PENN WEST PIPELINE PROJECT APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Penn West Petroleum Ltd. (Penn West) of Calgary to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline from northeast British Columbia to northwest Alberta.

Penn West is applying to construct and operate 64.4 kilometres (40 miles) of 273.1 millimetre (10 inch) pipeline from its Wildboy field near Fort Nelson, British Columbia to a NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. metering facility located in Alberta. These facilities would enable natural gas produced and processed by Penn West from the new and currently unconnected Wildboy project area to be delivered to markets served by the company.

Known as "The Wildboy Project", the capital cost of the facilities would be \$15 million.

Penn West plans construction of the pipeline project will take place between December 1997 and March 1998, with an in-service date of 1 April 1998.

The Board will announce at a later date the process it will follow for this application.

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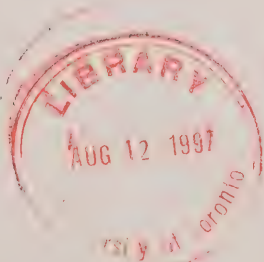
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NEB TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST BY NOVAGAS CANADA LTD.

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application from Novagas Canada Ltd. (Novagas) that the Board inquire into and determine the appropriateness of certain actions of Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) and provisions of its pipeline tariff, including its toll schedules. The application deals with the practices of Westcoast with respect to gas stripping arrangements with Solex Developments Company Inc. at Taylor, British Columbia.

Novagas applied to the Board on 12 May 1997 for a hearing to deal with issues involving the gas stripping arrangements. Interventions were due on 23 June 1997.

The public hearing will begin on 15 September 1997 at 9 a.m. in the Board's hearing room, 311 Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary.

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NEB RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING REQUEST FOR TRANSVOYAGEUR PIPELINE PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received a request from TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary to initiate an environmental scoping process for its proposed TransVoyageur natural gas pipeline project.

TransCanada is applying on behalf of TransVoyageur Transmission Limited (TVT), which is wholly owned by TransCanada PipeLines Limited.

The proposed TVT pipeline system would parallel the TransCanada PipeLines system across Saskatchewan and into Manitoba. The company is then looking at two possible routes for the pipeline, one of which would possibly trigger a Comprehensive Study under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

TransCanada says it has filed the request now to ask the NEB, along with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, to commence the scoping process for the requisite Comprehensive Study.

TransCanada says it will file an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity with the Board later in 1997. The target date for TransVoyageur to be in-service is 1 November 1999.

The Board will announce at a later date the process it will follow in this request.

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NEB ANNOUNCES WESTCOAST ENERGY TOLLS FOR 1997 TO 2001

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved a five-year incentive-based negotiated settlement on tolls, or methodology for determining tolls, for Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) of Vancouver. The settlement will cover the period from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001.

Under the settlement approved by the Board, for gathering and processing services, shippers will have the option to contract for one, three or five year predetermined base tolls plus a surcharge that is indexed monthly to gas prices, primarily at Sumas, Washington. The settlement allows Westcoast to benefit from cost savings and the generation of new business and revenue. During the five-year period that the settlement is in effect, changes in gathering and processing contract levels will not affect the tolls.

For transmission services, shippers have the option of tolls that are predetermined for five years, or they can choose tolls which are adjusted to reflect the current costs of Westcoast and contract levels. For 1997, depending on the terms and options selected, the tolls in the settlement represent increases over tolls for 1996 ranging from approximately four per cent to 15 per cent, excluding the impact of the Board's decisions on the recovery of expenditures incurred by Westcoast in the Fort St. John and Grizzly Valley expansion projects.

Of the \$42.18 million in project costs incurred in the Fort St. John Expansion Project that Westcoast applied to recover, the Board approved recovery of \$26.03 million. The Board denied recovery of the project development costs of the \$18.53 million for the Grizzly Valley Expansion Project. The tolls in the settlement will be adjusted to reflect the Board's cost recovery decisions.

The decision follows a public hearing held in Vancouver, British Columbia from 23 to 27 June 1997.

Westcoast operates a natural gas gathering, processing and transmission system extending from points in British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories to a point on the international boundary near Huntingdon, British Columbia.

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NEB RECEIVES AN APPLICATION FROM TRANSMARITIME GAS TRANSMISSION LTD. TO CONSTRUCT A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application dated 28 August 1997 from TransMaritime Gas Transmission Ltd. (TMGT) to construct a natural gas pipeline from Country Harbour, Nova Scotia to the New Brunswick/Quebec border near Edmundston, New Brunswick. The TMGT facilities would interconnect with the Trans Québec & Maritimes (TQM) Extension, for which an application was filed with the Board on 27 June 1997.

The TMGT facilities, together with the TQM Pipeline Extension, form the TransMaritime Pipeline Project (TMPP). TMGT and TQM have requested that the Board and the Joint Public Review Panel for the Sable Island Gas Projects amend Hearing Order GH-6-96 so as to include the TMPP as an alternative to the Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Project in the context of the Sable Gas proceedings.

The TMGT system will consist of a mainline natural gas pipeline extending 642 kilometres (396 miles) from the proposed Sable Offshore Energy Project gas processing plant through the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to connect with the proposed TQM Pipeline Extension facilities at the New Brunswick/Quebec border. The TMGT pipeline system also includes a branch of the mainline, the Saint John River Valley Connector, extending 80 kilometres (49 miles) from a point near Chipman, New Brunswick to a point terminating near Evandale, New Brunswick.

The TMGT facilities will consist of 415 kilometres (256 miles) of 762 millimetre (30 inch) pipeline extending from Country Harbour, Nova Scotia to Doaktown, New Brunswick where the pipeline diameter is reduced to 610 millimetres (24 inches) for the remaining 227 kilometre (140 mile) section of mainline through to the New Brunswick/Quebec border. The Saint John River Valley Connector will consist of 80 kilometres (49 miles) of 324 millimetre (12 inch) pipeline. Additional facilities include a 7.0 megawatt compressor station near Saint Amand, New Brunswick.

The estimated capital cost of the TMGT facilities is \$629 million. If approved, TMGT plans to construct the pipeline facilities beginning in the Fall of 1998, with a planned in-service date of 1 November 1999. The Board will announce its plans for dealing with the TransMaritime Pipeline Project at a later date.

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NEB SCHEDULES PUBLIC HEARING FOR ALLIANCE PIPELINE PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has scheduled a public hearing into an application made by Alliance Pipeline Ltd. of Calgary under the *National Energy Board Act* to construct and operate the Canadian portion of the proposed Alliance Pipeline Project. The hearing will also be used as a forum for public participation in the comprehensive study of the project to be conducted under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

The oral hearing will commence on 17 November 1997 at the Board's hearing room in Calgary, which will be the primary hearing location. To facilitate participation by persons living in areas along the proposed pipeline route, sessions will also be held in Fort St. John, British Columbia, Edmonton, Alberta, and Regina, Saskatchewan. Additionally, Board staff will be conducting public seminars at those same three locations later this month to explain the hearing procedures and routing and land acquisition matters and to answer related questions.

In order to better accommodate those wishing to participate, the Board has also modified its general hearing procedures. Interested persons may seek either full participation intervenor or limited participation intervenor status or file a letter of comment. Interventions should be filed with the Board by Thursday, 18 September 1997 or submitted at one of the seminars.

A copy of the detailed hearing procedures (Order GH-3-97) may be obtained by calling the Board toll-free at 1-800-899-1265 and specifying the Alliance Pipeline Project. They may also be accessed through the Board's Internet site at www.neb.gc.ca (click on "Regulatory Update" and then "Upcoming Hearings").

Alliance is proposing to construct and operate a high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline system from northeastern British Columbia and northwestern Alberta to the midwest United States. The Canadian portion of the project would consist of approximately 1 565 kilometres (970 miles) of principally 914 millimetre (36 inch) mainline and approximately 770 kilometres (480 miles) of lateral pipelines and related facilities, at an estimated capital cost of about \$1.9 billion. The U.S. portion of the mainline would extend from the Saskatchewan/North Dakota border to the system's terminus near Chicago, Illinois, where it would interconnect with the integrated North American pipeline grid.

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The system is scheduled to commence service in late 1999 and would be capable of delivering 37.5 million cubic metres (1,325 billion cubic feet) of natural gas per day.

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NEB RELEASES SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE TRANS QUÉBEC & MARITIMES PIPELINE PROJECT AND SCHEDULES THE APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Calgary - The National Energy Board ("the Board") has released the scope of the environmental assessment that will be required pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* ("CEAA") in respect of Trans Québec and Maritimes Pipeline Inc.'s ("TQM") application to construct a natural gas pipeline from Lachenaie, Quebec to East Hereford, Quebec near the New Hampshire border, where the proposed pipeline would connect with the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System ("PNGTS"). The applied-for facilities would also provide service for certain Quebec markets. The project is known as the "PNGTS Extension". The Board has also scheduled TQM's application for oral public hearing to commence on 10 November 1997 in Montreal, Quebec.

Scope of Environmental Assessment

The Board's scoping determination provides a framework for the environmental assessment and was based on information filed by the company. The Board has consulted other relevant federal departments and agencies on the matter and has considered comments from interested persons on a draft scope released in July 1997.

The project is subject to the requirement of the CEAA. The PNGTS Extension involves the construction of a gas pipeline more than 75 kilometres in length on a new right-of-way. Accordingly, the project falls under the *Comprehensive Study List Regulations* made pursuant to the CEAA. The Board has decided, in consultation with other responsible authorities, that a comprehensive study will be conducted. The oral public hearing will be used as a forum for public participation in the comprehensive study to be conducted pursuant to the CEAA.

Oral Public Hearing and the Seminars

The Board will hold a public hearing on TQM's application from 10 to 14 November 1997 in Montreal. On 17 November 1997, the hearing will continue in Magog, Quebec. Following the Magog session, the hearing will reconvene in Montreal on 24 November 1997 through to completion. The Board will announce the locations of the hearing at a later date. Additionally, to facilitate participation by the public in the Board's hearing process, Board staff will be conducting seminars in Coaticook, Magog, Granby and Sainte-Julie, all in the province of Quebec, on 29 and 30 September and on 1 and 2 October 1997, respectively, to explain the processes and procedures related to the hearing and to routing and land acquisition matters and also, to answer related questions.

To better accommodate interested persons wishing to participate, the Board has modified its general

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hearing procedures. Interested persons will be allowed to seek either full participation intervenor status or limited participation intervenor status or to file a letter of comment. Interventions must be filed with the Board by **Wednesday, 24 September 1997** or submitted at one of the seminars.

TQM's Application

TQM has applied to construct approximately 213.2 kilometres (132.2 miles) of 610-millimetre (24-inch) outside diameter pipeline from Lachenaie, Quebec to the Canada/U.S. border near East Hereford, Quebec. TQM has also requested approval to install, for the first year of operation, a 7.0 megawatt electric motor driven compressor unit at Lachenaie and two meter stations, one at Waterloo and one at East Hereford. In the second year of operation, TQM proposes to install an additional 3.2 megawatt electric motor driven compressor unit at East Hereford and one gas aftercooler unit at Lachenaie. The estimated cost of the project is \$270 million and the proposed in-service date is 1 November 1998.

TQM has also requested that an Order be issued by the Board accepting the principle of adding the PNGTS Extension in the description of TransCanada's Eastern Zone.

TQM is jointly owned by Gaz Métropolitain and TransCanada PipeLines Limited. TQM operates natural gas transportation facilities extending from the point of interconnection with the TransCanada system in Saint-Lazare, through to Saint-Nicolas, Quebec.

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BACKGROUND ON SCOPING UNDER THE CEAA

The Board conducted a scoping process for the environmental assessment for the proposed PNGTS Extension to meet its obligations under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* ("CEAA"). When the Board is a responsible authority under the CEAA, it is responsible for determining the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed and the scope of those factors. Environment Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Canadian Coast Guard) have notified the Board that they are also responsible authorities, and the Canadian Transportation Agency has informed the Board that it might become a responsible authority under the CEAA.

The scope of the project includes a combination of those activities and undertakings that would make up the project. The factors to be assessed would be those identified in subsections 16(1) and 16(2) of the CEAA, such as the environmental effects of the project, the significance of the effects, and any other matters considered relevant. The scope of the factors would include a determination of the environmental components to be assessed, such as wildlife, soils, and hydrology, as well as the spatial and temporal (distance and time) boundaries associated with those components. The final scoping determinations provide a framework for the environmental assessment for the PNGTS Extension.

ORAL HEARING AND SEMINARS

Seminars

Coaticook, Quebec Pub de la Gorge 145 Michaud Street Monday, 29 September 1997 6:30 to 9:30 PM	Magog, Quebec Manoir des Sables 90 avenue des Jardins Tuesday, 30 September 1997 6:30 to 9:30 PM	Granby, Quebec Hotel le Castel de l'Étrie 901 Principale Street Wednesday, 1 October 1997 6:30 to 9:30 PM	Sainte-Julie, Quebec Le Rossignol 30 Montée des 42 Thursday, 2 October 1997 6:30 to 9:30 PM
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Oral Hearing

Montreal, Quebec Location to be announced 10 - 14 November 1997 Start at 9:00 AM	Magog, Quebec Location to be announced 17 - 21 November 1997 Start at 1:00 PM	Montreal, Quebec Location to be announced 24 November 1997 Start at 9:00 AM
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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS

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Androscoggin Energy LLC applied for a licence to export, near East Hereford, Quebec, some 1.24 million cubic metres (43.9 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. Androscoggin will use the natural gas to supply a cogeneration facility to be constructed at the International Paper Androscoggin Mill in Jay, Maine. Androscoggin will purchase the natural gas from AltaGas Services Inc., Beau Canada Exploration Ltd., Producers Marketing Ltd., Renaissance Energy Ltd. and Rio Alto Exploration Ltd.

PanCanadian Petroleum Limited applied for a licence to export, near Monchy, Saskatchewan, some 4.27 million cubic metres (151.8 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. PanCanadian will sell the natural gas to National Gas & Electric L.P. to serve its midwest United States markets. PanCanadian will supply the gas from its own corporate supply pool.

PanCanadian Petroleum Limited applied for a licence to export, near Kingsgate, British Columbia, some 2.7 million cubic metres (96.8 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. PanCanadian will sell the natural gas to National Gas & Electric L.P. to serve its western United States markets. PanCanadian will supply the gas from its own corporate supply pool.

ProGas Limited applied for three licences to:

- export, near Emerson, Manitoba, some 750 400 cubic metres (26.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to ProGas U.S.A. who will resell it (off the Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership System) into markets in midwestern United States;
- export, near Monchy, Saskatchewan, some 849 600 cubic metres (30.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to ProGas U.S.A. who will resell it (off the Northern Border Pipeline System) into markets in midwestern United States; and,
- export, near Kingsgate, British Columbia, some 222 300 cubic metres (7.9 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to ProGas U.S.A. who will resell it (off the Pacific Gas Transmission Company's System) into the California and the Pacific Northwest regions of the United States.

All the natural gas will be supplied from ProGas' contracted corporate supply pool.

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Wascana Energy Inc. applied for a licence to export, near Philipsburg, Quebec, some 61 200 cubic metres (2.2 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas. The natural gas to be exported will be sold to Rock-Tenn Company, Mill Division, Inc. to supply its mill near Sheldon Spring, Vermont. Wascana will supply the gas from its own corporate supply pool.

The Board will announce at a later date how it will proceed to consider the applications.

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APPLIED-FOR VOLUMES (APPROXIMATE)

Exporter/Importer	Daily 10 ³ m ³ (MMcf)	Annual 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Term 10 ⁶ m ³ (Bcf)	Duration
Androscoggin/ Androscoggin	1 242.2 (43.9)	453.4 (16.0)	4534.0 (160.1)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
PanCanadian/ National Gas & Electric (Kingsgate)	2 727.4 (96.8)	996.2 (35.4)	9 962.0 (354.0)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
PanCanadian/ National Gas & Electric (Monchy)	4 277.5 (151.8)	1 562.4 (55.5)	15 624.0 (554.5)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
ProGas/ ProGas USA (Emerson)	750.4 (26.5)	274.1 (9.7)	2 740.8 (96.8)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
ProGas/ ProGas USA (Monchy)	849.6 (30.0)	310.3 (11.0)	3 103.2 (109.6)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
ProGas/ ProGas USA (Kingsgate)	222.3 (7.9)	81.2 (2.9)	757.4 (26.7)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2007
Vermont/ Vermont	226.6 (8.0)	82.7 (2.9)	827.0 (29.2)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
Wascana/ Rock-Tenn	61.2 (2.2)	22.3 (0.8)	223.4 (7.9)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
Total	10 357.2 (366.9)	3 782.6 (134.2)	37 771.7 (1 338.9)	

Measurements: 10³m³: Thousand cubic metres
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NEB APPROVES 1997 REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR TRANSCANADA PIPELINES

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved TransCanada PipeLines' (TransCanada) applied-for net revenue requirement for toll design and cost allocation purposes of \$1.704 billion for 1997, subject to any changes that may be required as a result of the Board's decisions.

TransCanada is operating on interim tolls which will remain in effect until the Board has examined the company's filing of compliance tolls and issued its final 1997 tolls order.

The Board has approved a rate of return on rate base of 9.85 per cent for TransCanada in 1997. This includes an approved rate of return on common equity of 10.67 per cent which was approved by the Board on 14 March 1997 in accordance with the adjustment mechanism established by the Board in its 1994 decision on cost of capital matters.

The rate base approved by the Board for 1997 is the applied-for \$7.427 billion.

Two main issues were addressed in a public hearing held in Calgary 28-30 July 1997. In the first, the Board approved TransCanada's proposal to enter into a combination of storage, balancing and transportation contracts, and to purchase "start up" gas to replace the Firm Service Tendered (FST) service which The Consumers' Gas Company Ltd. and Union Gas Limited have elected to convert to Firm Service (FT) from FST. In the second, the Board approved the continued use by TransCanada of its existing methodology of using metered volumes in calculating load centres for the purpose of calculating tolls.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATION FOR AEC SUFFIELD PIPELINE

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from AEC Suffield Gas Pipeline Inc. (AEC Suffield) to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline from southeastern Alberta to southwestern Saskatchewan.

The company is applying to construct approximately 114 kilometres (71 miles) of new pipeline and associated control facilities which will begin near the southwestern corner of the Suffield Military Block in Alberta, extend along the southern end of the military block and then northeast to join the TransCanada PipeLines Limited system near Burstall, Saskatchewan.

The AEC Suffield pipeline will have a design capacity of approximately 5.67 million cubic metres (200 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The estimated capital cost of the project is \$26.2 million.

AEC Suffield is planning an in-service date of 1 November 1998.

The Board will announce at a later date what procedure it will follow in processing the application.

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NEB APPROVES NINE APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS

Calgary - The National Energy Board has approved nine applications to export some 29.5 billion cubic metres (1,040.4 billion cubic feet) of natural gas over periods of 10 years.

The Board issued licences to the following:

Coastal Gas Marketing Company to export, near Emerson, Manitoba, some 864 000 cubic metres (30.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. Coastal will use the natural gas to serve its markets in the Gulf Coast, Northeast and Midwest regions of the U.S.. Coastal will purchase the natural gas from Canadian Natural Resources Limited, Enerplus Energy Marketing Inc., Pinnacle Resources Ltd., Ranger Oil Limited, Rio Alto Exploration Ltd. and Tri Link Resources Ltd.

Coastal Gas Marketing Company to export, near St. Clair, Ontario, some 1.4 million cubic metres (49.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. Coastal will use the natural gas to serve its Michigan and Northeast markets in the U.S.. Coastal will purchase the natural gas from Canadian Natural Resources Limited, Petro-Canada Oil & Gas, Pinnacle Resources Ltd., Rio Alto Exploration Ltd. and Tarragon Oil & Gas Ltd..

CoEnergy Trading Company to export, near Emerson, Manitoba and East Hereford, Québec, some 2.3 million cubic metres (80.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be added to CoEnergy's supply portfolio for its markets in Michigan and to markets to be served by the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System. CoEnergy will purchase the natural gas from AEC Oil & Gas Partnership, Gulf Canada Resources Limited and Suncor Inc. CoEnergy was also issued a 10-year order to import natural gas into Canada at St. Clair, Ontario for subsequent export at East Hereford, Québec.

Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. to export, near Monchy, Saskatchewan, some 1.2 million cubic metres (41.8 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas exported will form part of Enron's overall corporate gas supply portfolio. Enron will purchase the natural gas from Canadian Natural Resources Limited, Penn West Petroleums Ltd., Pinnacle Resources Ltd. and Rigel Oil & Gas Ltd.

Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. to export, near Emerson, Manitoba, some 901 000 cubic metres (31.8 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas exported will form part of Enron's overall corporate gas supply portfolio. Enron will purchase the natural gas from Beau Canada Exploration Ltd., Canadian Natural Resources Limited, Pinnacle Resources Ltd. and Rigel Oil & Gas Ltd.

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Enron Capital & Trade Resources Corp. to export, near Niagara Falls, Ontario, some 256 400 cubic metres (9.1 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas exported will form part of Enron's overall corporate gas supply portfolio. Enron will purchase the natural gas from Canadian Natural Resources Limited.

Ranger Oil Limited to export, near Niagara Falls, Ontario, some 141 600 cubic metres (5.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. Ranger will sell the natural gas to Coastal Gas Marketing Company to serve its market in the U.S. Northeast. The natural gas to be exported will be produced from Ranger's corporate supply pool in British Columbia.

United States Gypsum Company to export, near Chippawa and Niagara Falls, Ontario, some 384 200 cubic metres (13.6 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be used in the Company's plants located at Oakfield and Stony Point, New York, Gypsum, Ohio and Bridgeport, Alabama. The natural gas will be purchased from Husky Oil Operations Ltd.

Westcoast Gas Services Inc. to export, near Emerson, Manitoba, a maximum of 715 000 cubic metres (25.2 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to Westcoast Gas Services (U.S.A.) Inc. to serve its markets in the U.S. Great Lakes and Midwest. The natural gas will be purchased from Apache Canada Ltd., Beau Canada Exploration Ltd., Rigel Oil and Gas Ltd. and Talisman Energy Inc.

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VOLUMES APPROVED

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Coastal/Coastal (St. Clair)	1 400.0 (49.0)	511.0 (18.0)	5 110.0 (180.0)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
CoEnergy/CoEnergy (Emerson and East Hereford)	2 266.2 (80.0)	827.2 (29.2)	8 272.0 (292.0)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
Enron/Enron (Monchy)	1 185.2 (41.8)	432.7 (15.3)	4 327.3 (152.8)	1 Nov. 1998 1 Nov. 2008
Enron/Enron (Emerson)	901.0 (31.8)	329.7 (11.6)	3 296.6 (116.4)	1 Nov. 1998 1 Nov. 2008
Enron/Enron (Niagara Falls)	256.4 (9.1)	93.6 (3.3)	936.0 (33.1)	1 Nov. 1998 1 Nov. 2008
Ranger/Coastal (Niagara Falls)	141.6 (5.0)	51.7 (1.9)	517.0 (19.0)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2007
USG/USG (Chippawa and Niagara Falls)	384.2 (13.6)	140.2 (4.9)	1 402.3 (49.5)	1 Nov. 1998 1 Nov. 2008
Westcoast/Westcoast (U.S.A.) ¹ (Emerson)	715.0 (25.2)	261.0 (9.2)	2 452.0 (86.6)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
Total	8 113.6 (286.0)	2 963.1 (104.5)	29 473.2 (1,040.4)	

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¹ On 21 July 1997, Westcoast reduced its daily and annual volumes for the period 1 November 1998 to 31 October 2001 to 572 000 cubic metres (20.2 million cubic feet) and 208.8 million cubic metres (7.4 billion cubic feet), respectively.

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NEB WILL HOLD A WRITTEN PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS

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Androscoggin/ Androscoggin	1 242.2 (43.9)	453.4 (16.0)	4534.0 (160.1)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
PanCanadian/ National Gas & Electric (Kingsgate)	2 727.4 (96.8)	996.2 (35.4)	9 962.0 (354.0)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
PanCanadian/ National Gas & Electric (Monchy)	4 277.5 (151.8)	1 562.4 (55.5)	15 624.0 (554.5)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
ProGas/ ProGas USA (Emerson)	750.4 (26.5)	274.1 (9.7)	2 740.8 (96.8)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
ProGas/ ProGas USA (Monchy)	849.6 (30.0)	310.3 (11.0)	3 103.2 (109.6)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
ProGas/ ProGas USA (Kingsgate)	222.3 (7.9)	81.2 (2.9)	757.4 (26.7)	1 Nov. 1997 31 Oct. 2007
Vermont/ Vermont	226.6 (8.0)	82.7 (2.9)	827.0 (29.2)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
Wascana/ Rock-Tenn	61.2 (2.2)	22.3 (0.8)	223.4 (7.9)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
Total	10 357.2 (366.9)	3 782.6 (134.2)	37 771.7 (1 338.9)	

Measurements: 10³m³: Thousand cubic metres
10⁶m³: Million cubic metres
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NEB RULES ON REQUEST BY NOVAGAS CANADA LTD.

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has ruled that Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast) of Vancouver must amend its tariff in order to recognize that its shippers are entitled to the natural gas liquids (NGL) contained in their gas. Under its present tariff, Westcoast has been permitted to send gas to the Solex Gas Liquids Ltd. plant for treatment where the NGL are stripped from the gas stream and replaced with thermally equivalent gas volumes.

The Board therefore directed Westcoast to engage in consultations with its shippers, through the Tolls and Tariffs Task Force, to determine what specific amendments should be included in the Westcoast tariff. Those amendments will enable shippers to obtain rights to the NGL in their gas and to permit them, should a proposed Novagas Canada Ltd. (NCL) plant be built, to direct Westcoast to divert their gas to that facility.

The ruling is the result of a public hearing requested by NCL. into the practices of Westcoast with respect to gas stripping arrangements at Taylor. NCL asked the Board to prohibit Westcoast from diverting gas except in accordance with the nominations and directions of shippers. The public hearing was held in Calgary, 15 - 17 and 29 September 1997.

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NEB RECEIVES PIPELINE APPLICATION FROM SOURIS VALLEY PIPELINE LIMITED

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from Souris Valley Pipeline Limited (SVP) to construct and operate a pipeline transporting carbon dioxide in southeastern Saskatchewan.

The company is applying to construct and operate a 61 kilometre (38 mile) pipeline to extend from a point at the international boundary approximately 25 kilometres (16 miles) southwest of Estevan, Saskatchewan to a terminus approximately 3.2 kilometres (two miles) northeast of Goodwater, Saskatchewan. The 324 millimetre (12.75 inch) pipeline will transport carbon dioxide from the proposed Dakota Gasification Company Pipeline Project in North Dakota to the existing Weyburn oil field.

SVP has signed an agreement with PanCanadian Petroleum Limited of Calgary to provide 2.6 million cubic meters (95 million cubic feet) of carbon dioxide per day to the Weyburn oil field near Goodwater, commencing August 1999. The carbon dioxide will be used for implementation of the Weyburn Miscible Flood Project, a separate downstream project expected to extend the life of the existing oil field by 25 years.

The Board will announce at a later date the process to be followed in dealing with this application.

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NEB TO SEEK PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO GUIDELINES FOR FILING REQUIREMENTS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board is seeking public comment on a proposal from the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA) for an Enhanced Landowner Participation Process.

The Board is willing to consider the incorporation of mediation by amending its *Guidelines for Filing Requirements* as is being suggested by CEPA. The mediation would be one tool of the Early Public Notification Process (EPN). The EPN process requires an applicant seeking approval to construct a pipeline to describe the project being applied for and its potential environmental and socio-economic effects to the public and to allow an opportunity for public comment.

The CEPA proposal would establish a list of eligible mediators which could work directly with landowners and applicants for the purpose of resolving disputes before the beginning of a public hearing. The list would be available from the Board.

Interested persons are requested to notify the Board of their views concerning both the utility of mediation in the context of NEB processes as well as to comment on the draft amendment. After considering the views that are received, the Board will consider further whether to make available mediation as part of the early public notice procedures, and whether the proposed amendment should be made.

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NEB RECEIVES NORTH ATLANTIC PIPELINE PROJECT APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has received an application from North Atlantic Pipeline Inc. (North Atlantic) to construct and operate an underwater natural gas pipeline on Canada's east coast.

North Atlantic has also filed a Notice of Motion asking that the evidentiary portion of the Joint Public Review of the Sable Gas Projects be reopened to allow for presentation of its application as an alternative project and that the same panel be empowered to hear its application.

The company is proposing to construct its pipeline in three phases. The first phase would commence at the Sable Offshore Energy Project facilities in Country Harbour, Nova Scotia, and is designed to initially transport Sable Island gas to markets in Halifax, Nova Scotia and to facilities owned by North Atlantic (U.S.) for delivery to other North American markets from a point at Seabrook, Maine. The expected in-service date is 1 November 1999.

The second phase of the project would consist of the facilities required to transport natural gas produced from the Jeanne D'Arc Basin on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, to Argentia, Newfoundland to serve the Newfoundland market.

The third phase of the project would involve construction of a pipeline from Argentia to Country Harbour, to allow Grand Banks gas and gas developed in the future in the Laurentian sub basin, to access markets in the Maritimes provinces, the United States and central Canada.

North Atlantic estimates the capital costs for the project at \$3.85 billion.

The Board will announce at a later date the process to be used for this application.

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NEB INITIATES ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING PROCESSES FOR PROPOSED NATURAL GAS PIPELINES IN ONTARIO

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has initiated environmental scoping processes for new natural gas pipeline projects in Ontario being proposed by St. Clair Pipelines (1996) Ltd. (St. Clair) and TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada). The Board received submissions in September requesting that the environmental scoping process begin for new pipelines from the Canada/United States border (Ontario/Michigan) to Port Stanley, Ontario and then midway across Lake Erie to connect with the proposed Millennium Pipeline Project, which goes onshore near North East, Pennsylvania.

The first part of the two TransCanada sections of the project involves the construction of a 24 kilometre (15 miles) pipeline along the company's Dawn Extension from the Canada/United States border near Courtright, Ontario to the Dawn sales meter station near Sarnia, Ontario. The estimated cost of this section is \$31.7 million.

St. Clair plans to construct and operate a new 85 kilometre (53 miles) pipeline from the Dawn sales meter station near Sarnia to the shore of Lake Erie, near Port Stanley. The estimated cost is \$178 million. Referred to as the "Dawn to Lake Erie Pipeline", it will connect with the proposed Lake Erie Pipeline to be constructed and operated by TransCanada. This part of TransCanada's project involves the construction of a 90 kilometre (56 miles) pipeline, crossing Lake Erie mid-way to interconnect with the Millennium Pipeline. The estimated cost for the second part of TransCanada's project is \$140 million.

The Board will announce at a later date the process it will use to deal with the submissions.

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NEB POSTPONES ALLIANCE PIPELINE PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING SESSIONS IN FORT ST. JOHN, EDMONTON AND REGINA

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board announced today that public hearing sessions dealing with the Alliance Pipeline Project (GH-3-97) in three communities outside of Calgary have been postponed.

The Board is holding a pre-hearing conference in Calgary to deal with a number of motions and other preliminary matters which have been raised. The pre-hearing conference began on Monday, 17 November. Because of the number and complexity of matters remaining to be heard, the Board considers it unlikely that the schedule set out in the Hearing Order can be met. It therefore has postponed the public hearing sessions scheduled for Fort St. John, British Columbia, Edmonton, Alberta and Regina, Saskatchewan.

The hearing sessions were to have taken place in Fort St. John on 24 and 25 November, Edmonton on 27 and 28 November and Regina on 2 and 3 December.

The Board will announce a new hearing schedule for these locations at a future date.

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NEB REQUESTS COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR SOURIS VALLEY PIPELINE PROJECT

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board (the Board) has initiated the scoping of the environmental assessment that will be required under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) in respect of an application from Souris Valley Pipeline Limited (Souris) to construct and operate a pipeline transporting carbon dioxide in southeastern Saskatchewan.

The 61 kilometre, 324 millimetre diameter pipeline, would extend from the International border, at a location approximately 25 kilometres southwest of Estevan, Saskatchewan to the terminus approximately 3.2 kilometres northeast of Goodwater, Saskatchewan. It would have an initial capacity of up to 2.7 million cubic metres per day, a maximum operating pressure of approximately 15 000 kPa, and is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 1998 and subsequently put in operation in August 1999. The capital cost of the Project is estimated at \$13.67 million.

At this stage, the Board is requesting comments from the public and federal departments on a draft scope of environmental assessment for the Souris Project. This draft scope has been developed based on the Board's Guidelines for Filing Requirements.

As explained at greater length in the package, the scoping exercise involves a determination of the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed, and the scope of those factors. The final scoping determinations made following the receipt of comments will provide a framework for the environmental assessment of the Souris Project.

Written comments on the draft scope are to be filed with the Secretary by 15 December 1997.

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BACKGROUNDER

The Board is embarking on a scoping process for the environmental assessment to be conducted into the proposed Souris Valley Pipeline (Souris) Project to meet its obligations under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA). When the Board is a responsible authority under the CEAA, it is responsible for determining the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed and the scope of those factors.

The scope of the project would include a combination of those activities and undertakings that would make up the project. The factors to be assessed would be those identified in subsections 16(1) and 16(2) of the CEAA, such as the environmental effects of the project, the significance of the effects, and any other matters considered relevant. The scope of the factors would include a determination of the environmental components which will be assessed, such as wildlife, soils, and hydrology, as well as the spatial and temporal (distance and time) boundaries associated with those components. The final scoping determinations will provide a framework for the environmental assessment of the Souris Project.

In accordance with the *Regulations Respecting the Coordination by Federal Authorities of Environmental Assessment Procedures and Requirements*, the Board will be consulting with other federal authorities, as well as seeking public comment, on this matter before determining the final scope of the project.

Section 55 of the CEAA requires that a responsible authority maintain a public registry containing all records produced, collected, or submitted with respect to the environmental assessment of a project. The Board is fulfilling this obligation by maintaining a public registry accessible through its library and containing Souris' preliminary submission and all subsequent correspondence relating to the environmental assessment, including that exchanged among the various federal authorities.

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NEB PUBLIC HEARING INTO ALLIANCE PIPELINE PROJECT APPLICATION TO BEGIN 6 JANUARY 1998

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set 6 January 1998 as the revised date for a public hearing to commence into an application by Alliance Pipeline Ltd. of Calgary to construct and operate the Canadian portion of the proposed Alliance Pipeline Project. At that time the hearing will also be used as a forum for public participation in the comprehensive study of the project to be conducted under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

The new date for the hearing to start was announced at the conclusion of a pre-hearing conference dealing with a number of motions and other preliminary matters which had been raised. The pre-hearing conference began on 17 November and was completed on 26 November. The Board postponed public hearing sessions scheduled for Fort St. John, British Columbia, Edmonton, Alberta and Regina, Saskatchewan. A new hearing schedule for these locations will be announced at a future date.

Alliance is proposing to construct and operate a high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline system from northeastern British Columbia and northwestern Alberta to the midwest United States. The Canadian portion of the project would consist of approximately 1 565 kilometres (970 miles) of principally 914 millimetre (36 inch) mainline and approximately 770 kilometres (480 miles) of lateral pipelines and related facilities, at an estimated capital cost of about \$1.9 billion. The U.S. portion of the mainline would extend from the Saskatchewan/North Dakota border to the system's terminus near Chicago, Illinois, where it would interconnect with the integrated North American pipeline grid.

The system is scheduled to commence service in late 1999 and would be capable of delivering 37.5 million cubic metres (1,325 billion cubic feet) of natural gas per day.

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NEB APPROVES TRANSCANADA PIPELINES 1998 FACILITIES APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application by TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TransCanada) of Calgary to construct and operate new natural gas transportation facilities in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec in 1998.

TransCanada plans to construct approximately 308.4 kilometres (192 miles) of pipeline looping, install 11 new compressor units, additional metering facilities at five stations and various other related facilities. The estimated capital cost of the facilities \$824.9 million.

Construction is planned for an in-service date of 1 November 1998.

The decision is the result of a public hearing held in Calgary in September and October 1997.

The expansion will provide a total of approximately 10 million cubic metres (352 million cubic feet) per day of new Firm Transportation service from Empress, Alberta beginning 1 November 1998, of which 16.6 per cent would be for domestic customers in Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, while the remainder will be for export. It will also provide a total of approximately 1.8 million cubic metres (65 million cubic feet) per day of new short haul Firm Transportation service from St. Clair, Ontario beginning 1 November 1998. TransCanada's 1998 facilities construction will also permit the company to convert 4 255 million cubic metres (150.2 billion cubic feet) of Firm Service Tendered annual contract quantity to approximately 11.7 million cubic metres (412 million cubic feet) per day of Firm Transportation service.

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NEB APPROVES SABLE PROJECT APPLICATIONS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved applications from Sable Offshore Energy Project (SOEP) participants (Mobil Oil Canada Properties Limited, Shell Canada Limited, Imperial Oil Resources Limited and Nova Scotia Resources Limited) and Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Limited to construct offshore and onshore facilities for the drilling, production, transmission and processing of natural gas on Canada's east coast.

The decision follows a public hearing in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick from 4 April to 16 July 1997 and acceptance by the Government of Canada of the recommendations in the report from a Joint Review Panel. The Joint Review Panel report primarily addressed major issues associated with environmental and socio-economic effects of the projects. All of the recommendations in the report, related to facilities under NEB jurisdiction, are contained in the Board's decision as conditions to be followed by the Sable project participants.

The SOEP facilities will consist of the development of six offshore gas fields in the Sable Island area of the Scotian Shelf and a marine pipeline to transport natural gas and associated natural gas liquids to a proposed landfall and gas plant located at Goldboro, Nova Scotia.

The Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Project facilities will transport the processed natural gas via an onshore pipeline to markets in the Maritimes and northeast United States. The facilities will consist of a 558 kilometre (347 mile) pipeline from the Goldboro gas plant through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to the international border near St. Stephen, New Brunswick.

Gas production is projected to start in late 1999 at a sales gas rate of 13.0 million cubic metres (460 million cubic feet) per day. The estimated capital costs of both onshore and offshore facilities is approximately \$3 billion.

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The Reasons For Decision and the Info Bulletin on the Hearing Process are available on the Board's Internet site at www.neb.gc.ca

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NEB ANNOUNCES NEW DATES FOR ALLIANCE PIPELINE PROJECT REGIONAL HEARING SESSIONS

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has announced new dates for public hearing sessions to be held in Regina, Saskatchewan, Fort St. John, British Columbia and Edmonton, Alberta for the Alliance Pipeline Project application.

Alliance Pipeline Ltd. of Calgary has applied to the Board to construct and operate the Canadian portion of the proposed Alliance Pipeline Project, a high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline system from northeastern British Columbia and northwestern Alberta to the midwest United States. The Board's public hearing into the application will commence 6 January 1998 in Calgary.

The public hearing sessions in Regina will be held on 4 and 5 February 1998 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on 6 February 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will take place at the Ramada Plaza Hotel.

The public hearing sessions in Fort St. John will be held on 11 and 12 February 1998 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on 13 February 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will take place at the Pioneer Inn.

The public hearing sessions in Edmonton will be held on 17, 18 and 19 February 1998 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on 20 February 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will take place at the Edmonton Inn.

The Canadian portion of the Alliance project would consist of approximately 1 565 kilometres (970 miles) of principally 914 millimetre (36 inch) mainline and approximately 770 kilometres (480 miles) of lateral pipelines and related facilities, at an estimated capital cost of about \$1.9 billion. The U.S. portion of the mainline would extend from the Saskatchewan/North Dakota border to the system's terminus near Chicago, Illinois, where it would interconnect with the integrated North American pipeline grid.

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NEB ISSUES NEW PROCEDURES FOR THE LICENSING OF LONG-TERM EXPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND EQUIVALENT

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Calgary - The National Energy Board has issued a new procedure for the licensing of long-term exports of crude oil and equivalent ("crude oil"). The Board will licence long term exports of crude oil using a Fair Market Access procedure. Any party wishing to export crude oil from Canada on a long-term basis must demonstrate that it has provided fair market access to potentially-interested Canadian refiners and marketers. The Board is also proceeding with recommending that the Governor-In-Council approve amendments to the *National Energy Board Act Part VI (Oil and Gas) Regulations* ("Regulations") because some provisions in the existing *Regulations* are inconsistent with the new market-based approach to regulating the long-term exportation of crude oil.

The new procedure has been established as a result of a request in February 1996 from the Minister of Natural Resources Canada in which she asked that the Board develop for her consideration a market-based procedure for the review of crude oil export licence applications. The Minister requested that the procedure be modelled along the lines of the Complaints Procedure which is used as part of the Market-Based Procedure in assessing applications for long-term natural gas exports, or the Fair Market Access ("FMA") procedure used to assess electricity permit applications.

After having considered the natural gas and electricity models, the Board determined that, having regard to the characteristics of crude oil supply and markets and to the economic interests of Canadian crude oil producers and consumers, the FMA model is well suited to the licensing of crude oil exports.

This procedure places two obligations on an export licence applicant: (1) the applicant must inform potential Canadian buyers of the volumes and type(s) of crude oil associated with the proposed export; and (2) if any Canadian buyer expresses an interest in purchasing all or part of the available volumes, the applicant must enter into good faith negotiations with that potential buyer and negotiate on the same basis as it has negotiated, or which it is in the process of negotiating, with its export customer(s).

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BACKGROUNDER - THE FAIR MARKET ACCESS PROCEDURE

The FMA procedure for dealing with the licensing of long-term exports of crude oil and equivalent is set out below.

Any party wishing to export crude oil from Canada on a long-term basis must demonstrate that it has provided fair market access to potentially-interested Canadian refiners and marketers (i.e. "buyers"). This places two obligations on an export licence applicant (the "Applicant"):

1. The Applicant must inform potential Canadian buyers of the volumes and type(s) of crude oil associated with the proposed export; and
2. If any Canadian buyer expresses an interest in purchasing all or part of the available volumes, the Applicant must enter into good faith negotiations with that potential buyer and negotiate on the same basis as it has negotiated, or which it is in the process of negotiating, with its export customer(s). The Applicant is obligated only to disclose to potential Canadian buyers the volumes, type(s) of crude oil and the term associated with the proposed export. The Applicant is not required to provide pricing information at this stage of the procedure.

Upon receipt of notification, potential Canadian buyers will have 30 days to formally notify the Applicant of their interest in purchasing all or part of the available volumes of crude oil. If Canadian buyers express an interest in purchasing the crude oil, the parties would enter into negotiations, recognizing that simultaneous negotiations may be occurring, or may already have occurred, with potential export customers.

The proposed procedure is premised on the belief that the crude oil market will normally operate to satisfy the requirements of Canadian buyers at fair market prices. There is a shared responsibility on the part of both the Applicant and the Canadian buyers to ensure that Canadians are given an opportunity to obtain crude oil on similar terms and conditions as are made available to export customers. Once negotiations have begun, both the Applicant and the potential buyers are expected to negotiate in good faith.

Once the Applicant has determined whether or not there is any interest on the part of Canadian buyers and it has negotiated in good faith with such buyers, the Applicant may file a complete export licence application with the Board. Upon receipt of an application, and upon satisfying itself that an Applicant has complied with the filing requirements of the *National Energy Board Part VI (Oil and Gas) Regulations* ("Regulations"), the Board will set the application down for a public hearing. In the absence of any filings by Canadian crude oil buyers or other interested parties expressing serious concern with the application, the Board would normally proceed with a written hearing.

To demonstrate that it has complied with the FMA procedure for crude oil, the Applicant will have to demonstrate that: (a) no Canadian buyer was interested in buying all or part of the crude oil on similar terms and conditions as contained in the export sales contract(s); or (b) that Canadian buyers expressed an interest in purchasing crude oil from the Applicant and that satisfactory contractual arrangements were reached. In accordance with the the *Regulations*, the Applicant would be required to submit the terms and conditions of its export sales contract as part of its export licence application.

Should a Canadian buyer express concern that it had not been provided fair market access, it would have to demonstrate to the Board that it was either not informed of the crude oil available for sale or that the Applicant had refused to enter into good faith negotiations with respect to offering the crude oil on similar terms and conditions as are made available to the export customers.

In addition, in fulfilment of its mandate, the Board will take into account all other relevant public interest considerations, including the need for the applied-for licence.

In summary, the Board will issue an export licence if it is satisfied that its discretion should be exercised in favour of granting of an application for a crude oil export licence, having regard to whether the Applicant has:

- satisfactorily demonstrated that it has provided fair market access;
- fully complied with the filing requirements of the *Regulations*;
- filed any supplementary information as may be required by the Board; and
- adequately addressed all relevant public interest considerations.

The burden of proof will rest with the Applicant that the applied-for crude oil export licence should be issued.

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NEB APPROVES IPL LINE 9 REVERSAL APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application by Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) for its Line 9 crude oil reversal project. IPL's Line 9 is a 762 millimetre (30 inch), 832 kilometre (517 mile) pipeline located between Montreal, Quebec and Sarnia, Ontario.

IPL filed an application on 1 May 1997 for approval of facilities and a tolling methodology in order to reverse the direction of flow in the line. The pipeline company and a group of Ontario refiners (initially five, later four) developed the Line 9 reversal project in order that crude oil imported into Canada through the facilities of Portland Pipe Line Corporation and Montreal Pipe Line Limited could be transported in Line 9 in an east-to-west direction from Montreal to major refining centres in Ontario. The capacity of the reversed Line 9 after the first year would be 38 160 cubic metres (240,000 barrels) per day. IPL estimates the capital cost of the project to be approximately \$89 million.

The decision is the result of a public hearing held in Calgary, Alberta and London, Ontario in August and September 1997.

The Board has approved construction of facilities for the project as well as the tolling methodology proposed by IPL and the associated Non-Routine Adjustments to the Older System Incentive Toll Settlement.

The Board however denied 100 per cent priority access to the pipeline for the four refiners as provided in a Facilities Support Agreement. Instead, it requires IPL to retain 20 per cent of the capacity for open access by all potential shippers on a monthly basis.

The Board denied a request by United Refining Company of Warren, Pennsylvania that the Board designate Chippawa, Ontario as a priority destination on IPL's Line 10 during periods when Line 7 is in apportionment.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATION FROM IPL TO CONSTRUCT AN OIL PIPELINE

Calgary - The National Energy Board has received an application from Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) for a certificate to construct 15 new sections of 914 millimetre (36 inch) diameter pipe to connect to existing 1219 millimetre (48 inch) diameter loop sections to create a fifth pipeline between Kerrobert, Saskatchewan and Gretna, Manitoba. This project comprises the first phase of the Terrace Expansion Project (Terrace Phase 1 Program).

In total, new pipe requirements are approximately 619 kilometres (383 miles) of pipeline, 30 pumping unit additions, 14 tie-in facilities and related station facility equipment. Approximately 373 kilometres (231 miles) of pipeline will be constructed within existing IPL easements and approximately 246 kilometres (152 miles) will be constructed on new easements to be acquired adjacent to IPL's existing easements. The estimated capital cost of the proposed expansion facilities is \$640 million and the planned in-service date is 1 September 1999. The applied-for facilities would increase throughput capability of the existing IPL system by approximately 26 600 cubic metres (160,000 barrels) per day. The pipeline will be used primarily to satisfy export markets.

The Board will announce at a later date how it will deal with the application.

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NEB APPROVES DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR INUVIALUIT PETROLEUM CORPORATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved a development plan by the Inuvialuit Petroleum Corporation (IPC) of Calgary, which will ultimately result in domestic natural gas service being made available to residents and businesses in Inuvik, Northwest Territories.

The Board, which has responsibility for such projects under the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act* (COGOA), approved the Ikhil Gas Development Plan proposed by IPC for the purpose of supplying gas from the Ikhil field to the town for heating and power generation, replacing diesel fuel. This will be the first commercial natural gas development project in Canada's northern territories designed for local distribution and consumption.

IPC plans to use an existing well in the Ikhil field, approximately 50 kilometres (31 miles) northwest of Inuvik, and drill two additional wells. The natural gas from the three wells will be carried in 101.6 millimetre (four inch) above ground pipelines, approximately three kilometres (two miles) in total length, to a small production facility designed to process 283 000 cubic metres (10 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. A 152 millimetre (six inches) pipeline will parallel the East Channel of the Mackenzie River for its entire length of approximately 50 kilometres (31 miles). A regulator station will be installed at the Inuvik end of the pipeline to meter and condition the gas to meet the needs of the town and the Northwest Territory Power Corporation. IPC intends to have gas flowing into Inuvik by the fall of 1999.

The total cost of the development is estimated at \$28.9 million for the gas field development, the pipeline to Inuvik and the distribution system for the town.

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NEB APPROVES REQUESTS FROM TRANSMARITIME AND TRANS QUÉBEC PIPELINE TO ADJOURN CONSIDERATION OF THEIR APPLICATIONS TO CONSTRUCT A PIPELINE TO TRANSPORT SABLE ISLAND GAS

Calgary - The National Energy Board approved requests from TransMaritime Gas Transmission Limited (TMGT) and Trans Québec & Martimes Pipeline Inc. (TQM) to adjourn consideration of their applications to construct natural gas pipelines from Country Harbour, Nova Scotia to Saint Nicholas, Quebec which would have been used to transport natural gas from the proposed Sable Offshore Energy Project.

On 26 June 1997, TQM applied for approval to construct a 262-kilometre (192-mile) pipeline and associated facilities from Saint-Nicolas, Quebec to the New Brunswick border. TQM also proposed to construct 13.5 kilometres (8.4 miles) of looping from St. Nicolas to Augustin-de-Desmaures, Quebec. The estimated cost of the TQM project was \$305.3 million with a planned in-service date of 1 November 1999.

On 28 August 1997, TMGT applied for approval to construct a 642-kilometre (396-mile) pipeline and associated facilities from Country Harbour, Nova Scotia through the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to connect with the proposed TQM facilities at the New Brunswick/Quebec border. TMGT also proposed to construct 80 kilometres (49 miles) of pipeline from a point near Chipman, New Brunswick to a point near Evandale, New Brunswick. The estimated cost of the TMGT project was \$629 million with a planned in-service date of 1 November 1999.

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NEB AND B.C. GOVERNMENT SIGN AGREEMENT ON COMMON RESERVES DATABASE

Calgary - Victoria - The B.C. Ministry of Employment and Investment (MEI) and the National Energy Board (NEB) signed a Reserves Database Agreement, representing a major step toward improving co-operation and collaboration between the two agencies.

"The agreement to share geological and reservoir information for natural gas and crude oil pools will result in a common reserves database for British Columbia," said NEB Acting Chairman Ken Vollman.

"The agreement formalizes a process we've been using to provide improved levels of service to the industry," said Charles Kang, B.C.'s Deputy Minister of the MEI.

In addition to using a common natural gas and crude oil reserves database, both agencies have agreed to use efficient methods for estimating reserves and to use this initiative to set the tone for other co-operative efforts. The scope for this agreement is based on five main criteria:

- i) the initiative will be confined to estimates of reserves, related reservoir parameters, and geological analysis for natural gas and crude oil pools;
- ii) encourage industry consultation and participation;
- iii) investigate establishing software compatibility and efficiencies whenever possible;
- iv) undertake the division of special pool and reserve studies to avoid duplication; and
- v) implement joint pool reserves or province-wide studies when required and when resources allow.

The agencies also agreed to establish a four person Joint Technical Steering Group (JTSG). Initially, the mandate of the JTSG will be to recommend resolution of differences in estimates of reserves, recommend and direct a program of special studies, and monitor the implications of alternative reserves definitions and evaluate their applicability to the reserves database. The database and geological maps will reside at and be maintained by MEI.

This agreement is the result of efforts which began in 1993 by the federal and provincial governments to reduce the amount of duplication of work. In conjunction with the Alberta/NEB Common Reserves Database Agreement initiative, the B.C. government was approached by the NEB with a similar proposal. A Protocol Agreement, which provides a framework for technical cooperation and optimization of available resources, was signed in December 1994.

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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING FOR COLEMAN PIPELINE PROJECT APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Northstar Energy Corporation Ltd. (Northstar) of Calgary to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline project in southwestern Alberta and southeastern British Columbia.

Northstar has applied for permission to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline. The 406 millimetre (16 inch) pipeline would extend approximately 7.2 kilometres (4.5 miles) from Northstar's Coleman Gas Plant, located west of Coleman in Savanna, Alberta, through the Phillips Pass, to connect to the Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd main transmission pipeline west of the Alberta/British Columbia border. The capital cost of the project is estimated to be \$6.467 million. The initial contracted capacity is anticipated to be 620 thousand cubic metres (22 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day.

The public hearing will commence Tuesday, 30 March 1998 at a location to be announced at a later date. Interventions are to be filed by 2 February 1998.

Board staff will be conducting public seminars in advance of the hearing to explain the hearing procedures, routing and land acquisition matters and to answer related questions. A public seminar has been scheduled at the Crowsnest Pass Sports Complex in Coleman, Alberta from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., 12 March 1998.

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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPLICATION FROM INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE INC. TO EXPAND ITS OIL PIPELINE SYSTEM

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. (IPL) for a certificate to construct 15 new sections of 914 millimetre (36 inch) diameter pipe to connect to existing 1219 millimetre (48 inch) diameter loop sections to create a fifth pipeline between Kerrobert, Saskatchewan and Gretna, Manitoba. This project comprises the first phase of the Terrace Expansion Project.

The public hearing will commence at 9:00 a.m. on 15 April 1998 in the Board's Hearing Room, 311 Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta. Interventions are to be filed by 9 February 1998.

In total, the proposed additional facilities include approximately 619 kilometres (384 miles) of new pipe, 30 pumping units, 14 tie-in facilities and related station facility equipment. Approximately 373 kilometres (231 miles) of pipeline would be constructed within existing IPL easements and approximately 246 kilometres (152 miles) would be constructed on new easements to be acquired adjacent to IPL's existing easements. The estimated capital cost of the proposed expansion facilities is \$640 million and the planned in-service date is September 1999. The applied-for facilities would increase throughput capability of the existing IPL system by approximately 26 600 cubic metres (160,000) barrels per day, which would be used primarily to satisfy export markets.

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NEB AMENDS ITS GUIDELINES FOR FILING REQUIREMENTS TO INCORPORATE MEDIATION PROCEDURES

Calgary - The National Energy Board has amended its *Guideline for Filing Requirements* to incorporate mediation of issues as part of the Early Public Notification (EPN) process regarding pipeline applications.

The EPN process requires an applicant seeking approval to construct a pipeline to describe the project being applied for and its potential environmental and socio-economic effects to the public and to allow an opportunity for public comment. Applicants and directly affected landowners may mutually agree to participate in a mediation process at any time prior to the commencement of a public hearing for the purpose of resolving issues which: (a) arise during the course of the EPN process; or, (b) remain outstanding after the conclusion of the EPN process. The mediator would work directly with the applicant and the landowner for the purpose of resolving the dispute. The Board will establish and maintain a list of mediators which could work directly with landowners and applicants for the purpose of resolving disputes before the beginning of a public hearing. The list of mediators will be available from the Board.

In April, the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association requested the Board to implement that process, or so much of it as falls within the responsibilities of the Board. In October, the Board sought public comments on the proposal. Following receipt of comments from interested persons, the Board accepted the proposal. The Board will review the effectiveness of this process in two years.

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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING FOR SOURIS VALLEY PIPELINE PROJECT APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by Souris Pipeline Limited (SVP) of Bismarck, North Dakota, to construct and operate a carbon dioxide transmission pipeline in southeastern Saskatchewan.

The hearing will begin on Monday, 4 May 1998 at a location in Saskatchewan to be announced at a later date. Interventions are due by Thursday, 26 February 1998.

The company is applying to construct and operate a 61 kilometre (38 mile) pipeline extending from a point at the international boundary approximately 25 kilometres (16 miles) southwest of Estevan, Saskatchewan to a terminus approximately 3.2 kilometres (two miles) northeast of Goodwater, Saskatchewan. The 324 millimetre (12.75 inch) pipeline will transport carbon dioxide from the proposed Dakota Gasification Company Pipeline Project in North Dakota to the existing Weyburn oil field.

SVP has signed an agreement with PanCanadian Petroleum Limited of Calgary to provide 2.6 million cubic metres (95 million cubic feet) of carbon dioxide per day to the Weyburn oil field near Goodwater, commencing December 1999. The carbon dioxide will be used for implementation of the Weyburn Miscible Flood Project, a separate downstream project expected to extend the life of the existing oilfield by 25 years.

The company estimates the capital cost of the project to be \$13.67 million.

In determining the scope of the environmental assessment required under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), the Board sought and considered comments from the public and other government departments.

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NEB SETS NEW PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCES

Calgary - The National Energy Board, commencing on 1 March 1998, will process completed applications for natural gas export licences on a case-by-case basis when received. In recent years the Board has considered such applications in semi-annual hearings following a call for applications. The call letter approach will be discontinued.

The Board also decided that it will no longer require applicants to publish notifications of their applications in newspapers. Instead, the Board will provide notification of applications for natural gas export licences to persons who request to be included on a mailing list to be developed by the Board. As well, the Board will post information on its Internet web site and issue news releases with respect to each application received.

These changes are intended to streamline the Board's processing of natural gas export applications. The changes will allow applicants to file applications at a time of their choosing and when they are sufficiently complete. The level of scrutiny and analysis and adherence to the Board's Market-Based Procedure for examining applications will not change.

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NEB SUBMITS ITS COMPREHENSIVE STUDY REPORT ON TRANS QUÉBEC & MARITIMES' PNGTS EXTENSION PROJECT TO THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND THE CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AGENCY

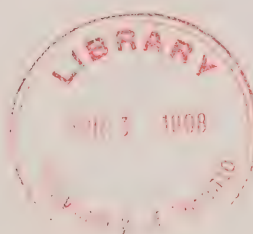
Calgary - The National Energy Board ("NEB"), on Friday, 20 February, submitted to the federal Minister of Environment and to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the "Agency") a copy of its *Comprehensive Study Report* ("CSR"), which was prepared in accordance with the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, with respect to Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline Inc.'s ("TQM") application to construct a natural gas pipeline from Lachenaie, Quebec to East Hereford, Quebec near the New Hampshire border, where the proposed pipeline would connect with the Portland Natural Gas Transmission System ("PNGTS"). The project is known as the "PNGTS Extension". The report was submitted on behalf of the NEB and the Canadian Coast Guard, Fisheries and Ocean Canada.

The NEB concluded that the PNGTS Extension project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, provided that the mitigative measures identified during the public hearing are implemented and enforced. The Board indicated that, should it find that the PNGTS Extension is required by public convenience and necessity, a series of environmental conditions would be included in the certificate.

The CSR results from a public hearing that the NEB held from 17 November to 17 December 1997 in Montreal and Magog, Quebec to consider the PNGTS Extension. The hearing was also used as a forum for public participation in the comprehensive study of the project.

The following steps will occur prior to the NEB making a decision on the PNGTS Extension project:

- the Agency will issue the CSR for public review and comment; and
- the Minister of Environment will take a course of action after taking into consideration the CSR and any comments filed.



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TQM applied for approval to construct a 213.2-kilometre (132.2-mile) pipeline from Lachenaie to the Canada/U.S. border near East Hereford. TQM also requested approval to install, for the first year of operation, a 7.0 megawatt electric motor driven compressor unit at Lachenaie and two meter stations, one at Waterloo and one at East Hereford. In the second year of operation, TQM proposes to install an additional 3.2 megawatt electric motor driven compressor unit at East Hereford and one gas aftercooler unit at Lachenaie. The estimated cost of the project is \$270 million with a planned in-service date of 1 November 1998.

Beginning 1 November 1998, 4.3 million cubic metres (152.2 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas would be delivered at East Hereford to supply markets in the U.S. Northeast and 1.0 million cubic metres (33.7 million cubic feet) per day would be delivered at Waterloo to supply markets in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. In the second year of operation the deliveries would increase to 5.9 million cubic metres (210.0 million cubic feet) per day for East Hereford and to 1.4 million cubic metres (48.7 million cubic feet) per day for Waterloo.

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NEB SETS PUBLIC HEARING FOR AEC SUFFIELD PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has set down for public hearing an application by AEC Suffield Gas Pipeline Inc. (AEC Suffield) of Calgary to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline from southeastern Alberta to southwestern Saskatchewan.

The hearing will commence on Monday, 25 May 1998 at a location to be announced at a later date. Interventions are due by Thursday, 19 March 1998.

The company is applying to construct approximately 114 kilometres (71 miles) of new pipeline and associated control facilities which will begin near the southwestern corner of the Suffield Military Block in Alberta, extend along the southern end of the military block and then northeast to join the TransCanada PipeLines Limited system near Burstall, Saskatchewan.

The AEC Suffield pipeline will have a design capacity of approximately 5.67 million cubic metres (200 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The estimated capital cost of the project is \$26.2 million.

AEC Suffield is planning an in-service date of 1 November 1998.

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NEB APPROVES SIX APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS

Calgary -- The National Energy Board has approved six applications for eight licences to export some 35.2 billion cubic metres (1.2 trillion cubic feet) of natural gas for periods of two to ten years.

The Board issued licences to the following:

Androscoggin Energy LLC to export, near East Hereford, Quebec, some 1.24 million cubic metres (43.9 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. Androscoggin will use the natural gas to supply a cogeneration facility to be constructed at the International Paper Androscoggin Mill in Jay, Maine. Androscoggin will purchase the natural gas from AltaGas Services Inc., Beau Canada Exploration Ltd., Producers Marketing Ltd., Renaissance Energy Ltd. and Rio Alto Exploration Ltd.

PanCanadian Petroleum Limited to export, near Monchy, Saskatchewan, some 4.27 million cubic metres (151.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. PanCanadian will sell the natural gas to PanCanadian Petroleum Company which will then be marketed by an affiliate, National Gas & Electric L.P., in midwest United States markets. PanCanadian will supply the gas from its own corporate supply pool.

PanCanadian Petroleum Limited to export, near Kingsgate, British Columbia, some 2.7 million cubic metres (96.2 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. PanCanadian will sell the natural gas to PanCanadian Petroleum Company which will then be marketed by an affiliate, National Gas & Electric L.P., in western United States markets. PanCanadian will supply the gas from its own corporate supply pool.

ProGas Limited to export, near Emerson, Manitoba, some 750 400 cubic metres (26.5 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to ProGas U.S.A. which will resell it (off the Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership System) into markets in midwestern United States.

ProGas Limited to export, near Monchy, Saskatchewan, some 849 600 cubic metres (30.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to ProGas U.S.A. which will resell it (off the Northern Border Pipeline System) into markets in the midwestern United States. ProGas had applied for a 10-year licence. The Board noted that ProGas had received producer support to make gas export sales only until 1 November 2000. The Board concluded, therefore, that the Market-Based Procedure had not been satisfied for exports beyond the first two years of the applied-for licence. Consequently, the Board issued a licence covering only the period up to 1 November 2000.

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ProGas Limited to export, near Kingsgate, British Columbia, some 222 300 cubic metres (7.9 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The natural gas will be sold to ProGas U.S.A. which will resell it (off the Pacific Gas Transmission Company's System) into the California and the Pacific Northwest regions of the United States.

All the natural gas will be supplied from ProGas' contracted corporate supply pool.

Vermont Gas Systems, Inc. to export, near Philipsburg, Quebec, some 226 600 cubic metres (8.0 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. Vermont will use the natural gas to supply its markets in the northwest portion of the State of Vermont. Vermont will purchase the natural gas from Renaissance Energy Ltd.

Wascana Energy Inc. to export, near Philipsburg, Quebec, some 61 200 cubic metres (2.2 million cubic feet) per day of natural gas. Wascana will sell the natural gas to Rock-Tenn Company, Mill Division, Inc. to supply its mill near Sheldon Spring, Vermont. Wascana will supply the gas from its own corporate supply pool.

The Board held a written hearing to consider the applications.

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Androscoggin/ Androscoggin	1 242.2 (43.9)	453.4 (16.0)	4534.0 (160.1)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
PanCanadian/ National Gas & Electric (Kingsgate)	2 727.4 (96.2)	996.2 (35.2)	9 962.0 (351.7)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
PanCanadian/ National Gas & Electric (Monchy)	4 277.5 (151.0)	1 562.4 (55.2)	15 624.0 (551.5)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
ProGas/ ProGas USA (Emerson)	750.4 (26.5)	274.1 (9.7)	2 740.8 (96.8)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
ProGas/ ProGas USA (Monchy)	849.6 (30.0)	310.3 (11.0)	620.6 (21.9)	1 Nov. 1998 1 Nov. 2000
ProGas/ ProGas USA (Kingsgate)	222.3 (7.9)	81.1* (2.9)	703.4 (24.8)	1 July 1998 1 March 2007
Vermont/ Vermont	226.6 (8.0)	82.7 (2.9)	827.0 (29.2)	1 Nov. 1998 1 Nov. 2008
Wascana/ Rock-Tenn	61.2 (2.2)	22.3 (0.8)	223.4 (7.9)	1 Nov. 1998 31 Oct. 2008
Total	10 357.2 (365.7)	3 782.6 (133.7)	35 235.2 (1 243.9)	

*Annual volumes vary during certain periods.

Measurements:

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MMcf:	Million cubic feet
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NEB APPROVES NEW TOLLS FOR INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE (NW) LTD. FOR TRANSPORTATION OF OIL ON THE NORMAN WELLS PIPELINE

Calgary - The National Energy Board ("Board") has approved the tolls that Interprovincial Pipe Line (NW) Ltd. ("IPL(NW)") may charge on its pipeline system for the transportation of oil from Norman Wells, Northwest Territories to Zama, Alberta. IPL(NW) has been on interim tolls since 1 January 1996. The interim toll charged for transportation from Norman Wells to Zama for 1996 was \$34.71 per cubic metre. The Board has now approved reduced final tolls for 1996: \$32.35 per cubic metre from 1 January to 30 June and \$27.19 per cubic metre from 1 July to 31 December. IPL(NW) has calculated that the total refund based upon actual billing to shippers will be \$4.0 million for 1996. The tolls approved for 1997 and 1998 are \$28.81 and \$27.94 per cubic metre, respectively.

The new tolls result from a complaint filed with the Board in 1995 from the Government of the Northwest Territories ("GNWT") regarding the tolls and tariff on the Norman Wells Pipeline. The complaint identified specific areas where the GNWT believed the current method of calculating the tolls and tariff for IPL(NW) is incompatible with the manner in which the tolls and tariffs of other pipelines regulated by the Board are determined. The Board sought comments from interested parties on the complaint. However, the parties to the complaint agreed to negotiations with all interested or affected organizations. As a result of those negotiations, IPL(NW) filed an application for final tolls based upon the negotiated settlement with interested parties.

IPL(NW), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc., owns and operates the Norman Wells oil pipeline. The pipeline extends 869 kilometres (539 miles) from Imperial Oil's production facilities at Norman Wells to an interconnection with the provincially-regulated Rainbow pipeline at Zama. Imperial Oil is the only full-haul shipper and provides over 99 per cent of pipeline revenue. Several other shippers enter the pipeline at Kilometre Post 839.2 (milepost 510.3).

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NEB SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SCOPING OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE MARITIMES & NORTHEAST PROPOSED APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A PIPELINE LATERAL TO HALIFAX

Calgary -- In response to a preliminary submission filed by Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd. on behalf of Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline L.P. ("M&NP"), the National Energy Board ("the Board") has initiated the scoping of the environmental assessment that is required under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* in respect of the Halifax, Nova Scotia Lateral to be constructed by M&NP.

The Board is requesting comments from the public on the draft scope for the environmental assessment to be conducted by M&NP. This draft scope has been developed in consultation with other federal departments and agencies. The scoping exercise is intended to provide a framework for M&NP environmental assessment and involves a determination of the scope of the project, the factors to be assessed, and the scope of those factors. Written comments are to be filed with the Secretary by 7 April 1998.

M&NP plans to construct a pipeline lateral, which would comprise approximately 120 kilometres (74 miles) of pipeline, from a tie-in to its mainline near Stellarton, Nova Scotia to Halifax.

An information package containing the draft scope and relevant background material may be obtained by contacting the Board. All documents related to the environmental assessment are available in a public registry accessible through the Board's Library.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATION FROM TRANSCANADA GAS SERVICES FOR A NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCE

Calgary - The National Energy Board ("Board") has received an application from TransCanada Gas Services, a Division of TransCanada PipeLines Limited, to export natural gas to New England, U.S.A. markets for a 10-year period commencing on 1 November 1998.

The natural gas, which would be exported from East Hereford, Québec, would be sold to TransCanada Gas Services Inc. to supply markets in New England which consist of local distribution companies, industrials and power generators. The volumes proposed to be exported are: **Daily** - 845 220 cubic metres (30.0 million cubic feet); **Annually** - 309.4 million cubic metres (11.0 billion cubic feet); **Term** - 3 085.1 million cubic metres (109.5 billion cubic feet). The natural gas would be purchased from Signalta Resources Limited's supply within the province of Alberta.

The Board will announce at a later date how it will proceed to consider the application.

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NEB RECEIVES APPLICATION FROM RENAISSANCE ENERGY LTD. FOR A NATURAL GAS EXPORT LICENCE

Calgary - The National Energy Board ("Board") has received an application from Renaissance Energy Ltd. to export natural gas to the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions of the U.S. for a 10-year period commencing on 1 November 1998.

The natural gas, which would be exported from Niagara Falls, Ontario, would be sold to Renaissance Energy (U.S.) Inc. to supply existing and new markets in the U.S. Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. The volumes proposed to be exported are: **Daily** - 663 000 cubic metres (24.4 million cubic feet); **Annually** - 242.0 million cubic metres (23.4 billion cubic feet); **Term** - 2 421.0 million cubic metres (85.5 billion cubic feet). Renaissance will supply the natural gas from its own corporate supply pool within the province of Alberta.

The Board will announce at a later date how it will proceed to consider the application.

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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD RELEASES 1997 ANNUAL REPORT

Calgary - The National Energy Board's 1997 Annual Report was tabled yesterday in Parliament by the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources.

The report reviews the Board's major regulatory activities, including decisions taken on natural gas, oil and electricity exports, pipeline construction, tolls and tariffs and certain frontier activities. It also provides an overview of energy consumption, production, exports and imports over the last five years.

The Board reports that crude oil production set a record of 328 thousand cubic metres (2.1 million barrels) per day in 1997, surpassing the 1996 record. Industry continued to increase heavy crude and bitumen production, while largely maintaining production levels of light crude. Crude oil exports increased to 188.2 thousand cubic metres per day (1.19 million barrels). Oil production from the Hibernia field offshore Newfoundland commenced in 1997. Natural gas production remained similar to 1996 levels while exports reached 82.3 billion cubic metres (2.91 Tcf) in 1997, up two percent from 1996. Natural gas, petroleum and electricity exports generated \$24 billion in gross export revenue or \$12 billion on a net basis.

Some of the regulatory highlights noted in the report are as follows:

- Approval of the Sable Gas projects, including a proposal by Mobil Oil Canada Properties, Shell Canada Limited and others to develop six offshore gas fields in the area of Sable Island (the Sable Offshore Energy Project) and the Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline Management Ltd. proposal to construct a pipeline through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to markets in the Maritimes and northeast United States. The approval of the Sable Gas projects signals the development of an important new gas supply basin in Canada and the introduction of an important new fuel in the Maritimes.
- Approval of an incentive-based negotiated toll settlement between Westcoast Energy Inc. and its shippers.
- Approval of Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc.'s application to reverse the flow of Line 9, a pipeline originally constructed in 1976 to carry western Canadian crude oil from Sarnia to Montreal.

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- Follow-up on the findings of the Stress Corrosion Cracking Inquiry held in 1996, through continued work with the pipeline industry and visits to communities in Ontario and Manitoba.
- "Awareness '97", the first Public Awareness workshop in Canada dedicated to safety issues on interprovincial pipelines.

The 1997 Annual Report and Appendices are available on the Board's Internet web site at www.neb.gc.ca.

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NEB APPROVES AN APPLICATION FROM INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINE FACILITIES

Calgary - The National Energy Board ("Board") today approved an application by Interprovincial Pipe Line Inc. ("IPL") to construct 15 new sections of 914 millimetre (36 inch) outside diameter pipe to connect to existing 1219 millimetre (48 inch) outside diameter loop sections to create a fifth pipeline between Kerrobert, Saskatchewan and Gretna, Manitoba. This project comprises the first phase of the Terrace Expansion Project.

The applied-for facilities include approximately 619 kilometres (385 miles) of pipeline, 19 pumping unit additions, 15 tie-in facilities and related station facility equipment. Approximately 373 kilometres (232 miles) of pipeline would be constructed within existing IPL easements while approximately 246 kilometres (153 miles) would be constructed on new easements to be acquired adjacent to existing IPL easements. The applied-for facilities would increase throughput capability of the existing IPL system by approximately 27 000 cubic metres (170,000 barrels) per day. The pipeline would be used primarily to satisfy export markets. The estimated capital cost of the proposed facilities is \$610 million with a planned in-service date of 31 January 1999 for the new line pipe and 1 September 1999 for the pumping facilities.

With respect to toll matters, the Board approved a tolling agreement between IPL and its shippers in accordance the Board's 1994 *Guidelines for Negotiated Settlements of Traffic, Tolls and Tariffs*.

The Board considered the application at a public hearing held on 15 and 16 April 1998 in Calgary.

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NEB APPROVES AEC SUFFIELD PIPELINE APPLICATION

CALGARY -- The National Energy Board has approved an application by AEC Suffield Gas Pipeline Inc. (AEC Suffield) of Calgary to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline from southeastern Alberta to southwestern Saskatchewan.

AEC Suffield applied to the Board on 10 September 1997 to construct and operate approximately 114 kilometres (71 miles) of new pipeline and associated control facilities which will begin near the southwestern corner of the Suffield Military Block in Alberta, extend along the southern end of the military block and then northeast to join the TransCanada PipeLines Limited system near Burstall, Saskatchewan.

The AEC Suffield pipeline has a design capacity of approximately 4.96 million cubic metres (175 million cubic feet) of natural gas per day. The proposed pipeline will require approximately 40 kilometres (25 miles) of new right-of-way as most of the route will follow existing right-of-way. The estimated capital cost of the project is \$22.8 million.

The Board held a public hearing in Calgary on 25, 26 May and 1 June 1998.

AEC Suffield plans an in-service date of 1 November 1998.

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